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Life for Barry man guilty of brutal murder

A BRUTAL killer who bludgeoned a man to death in a flat in Edinburgh's New Town before dismissing his victim as "an idiot", was jailed for life on Thursday, August 24.

Kieran Davies, from Barry, was ordered to serve at least 19 years in prison, before he becomes eligible to seek release on parole, following the "relentless" fatal attack on another man from Barry, Ashley Hawkins.

A judge told Davies at the High Court in Edinburgh: "You have been convicted on the clearest evidence of a particularly brutal murder."

Lord Boyd of Duncansby said: "You continue to deny your guilt and you have shown little remorse."

The judge acknowledged that Davies (28) had had a difficult upbringing and told him: "You have not had the chances in life that may have set you on a different path."

But Lord Boyd told him: "None of that excuses or mitigates the dreadful nature of this offence."

Davies assaulted his victim with a hammer and a metal bar during the murder at a flat in Scotland Street, Edinburgh, on December 2 last year.

The court heard that he and Mr Hawkins had arrived in the city from Wales as friends, but before the fatal attack, the victim had revealed that Davies had put a knife to his throat.

Davies denied murdering Mr Hawkins.

The final stage of the trial took place in the defendant's absence as Lord Boyd told jurors: "Murder cases are always difficult. They are emotionally draining for everybody involved in it."

Police who were called to the second-floor flat at 7, Scotland Street and forced entry found Mr Hawkins (32), of Barry, dead with catastrophic head injuries.

Unemployed Davies was the only other occupant of the locked property and was found topless, wearing jogging bottoms and trainers extensively stained with the dead man's blood.

A Reebok top, which Davies had earlier been seen wearing, was found in a washing machine, with the victim's blood.

The court heard that Mr Hawkins had suffered blows to the head, and a heavy metal pole and broken hammer recovered from the flat could have been used as weapons in the fatal attack.

Davies also repeatedly stamped and kicked him on the head and body.

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Death at Porthkerry

THE formal identification of a body found at Porthkerry beach on Sunday, August 27, was due to be carried out this week.

The Coastguard, the Police and Ambulance Service were called to the beach at around 12 noon, and an investigation launched.

On Monday, August 28, a police statement said: "South Wales Police can confirm that the deceased male's family has been informed although formal identification has not yet been carried out.

"There are not believed to be any suspicious circumstances and a file is being prepared for the coroner."

BARRY CHOIR GETS SET FOR THE BIG MATCH KICK-OFF

DREAM ON! The choir practices its set-piece moves.

THERE'S an air of extra excitement at rehearsal these days as Barry Male Voice Choir prepare to sing at the Wales-Australia autumn rugby international in November.

"A performance at the Principality Stadium in front of 70,000-plus people is a dreamed-of honour," said choir secretary Richard King. "But this has caused a problem: the boys keep turning up at rehearsal wearing red and carrying rugby balls.

"I have to remind them that we're singing, not playing there.

"We will be a part of a larger choir under the direction of Dr Haydn James. We are all very proud."

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Phone mast siting: 'Will council take action?'

I REFER to the article in The GEM of August 24, '*Petition on disputed Knap mast handed to the Vale Council planning department*', regarding the proposed telephone mast to be erected at the entrance to the Knap Gardens.

Vodafone's response is clearly not addressing the point of public concern.

Nobody is questioning the need for improved telephone reception or that the proposed location may be the best to provide local coverage.

The issue is that the entrance to our Green Flag park is an absurd place to erect a 41ft high steel pole with associated 6ft high electronic cabinets.

How pathetic is it for them to dismiss the significant amount of unused land alongside the railway line because *"this location would have a detrimental effect on the character and appearance of the area*"?

The logical conclusion from this statement is their proposed location at the entrance to an extremely popular and attractive park within a conservation area, is not as detrimental.

In the centre of the lake itself would be even more thoughtless, but it would still meet the company's criteria for local coverage.

We also learn from the planning application that the council are "not interested" in the mast being in the nearby car park.

Will the Vale Council take action and provide a more suitable location to mitigate Vodafone's uncaring attitude towards a much-loved and popular public facility?

Keith Lewis, Barry.

'We don't need electrification'

IN reply to Trevor Spill's letter, headed 'Electrification needed NOW', is he aware that the new class 800 trains have been running to Swansea and Carmarthen for a couple of months on driver training?

These Hitachi IEP Units are bi-mode, which means they can run either from overhead electric power lines or on-board diesel engines – ie four traction motors per unit.

Also he may not be aware of the excessive costs of lifting bridges which cross the lines to make room for the catenary (overhead wires) which feed electric power to the train – as well as the cost of rebuilding all the road and footbridges. Some along the Cardiff to Swansea line would need to be closed for months. The road bridge at Severn Tunnel Junction, for instance, took three months to replace.

We have the new trains now; we don't need electrification

Mike Wilcock, Llanblethian.

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CLOUD OVER BARRY ISLAND'S FUTURE...

HEARING the news of an unidentified toxic cloud rolling over Birling Gap near Eastbourne in Sussex at the weekend, I couldn't help thinking of the effect that such a phenomenon would have, should one be released from the Barry Incinerator.

No-one knows what caused the Sussex cloud at the moment, and chances are that the toxic chemicals that affected tourists would be different to any emitted from the Barry incinerator, but the effect could be the same.

Barry Island benefits from thousands of day-trippers visiting in coaches from Birmingham and the Midlands. It is all too easy for day-trippers to go to Weston-Super-Mare, rather than come to us here in Barry – thus losing trade and jobs in our town, which is already the poorest town in the Vale, according to its own council statistics.

Those responsible for blighting our town with the incinerator – none of whom as yet has come forward to educate me on the plant's benefits, as I requested in my last letter to The GEM – should ask themselves whether they would revisit a beach with their families where they had experienced being treated for exposure to a toxic mist?

I wouldn't, and neither would I buy one of the 2,000 new homes being built just a few hundred metres from the incinerator.

In fact, to be honest I wouldn't live there if you gave me one of the houses; and if I'm not alone in that feeling, then surely this too will have a knock-on effect for Barry's regeneration?

Our only hope is that Natural Resource Wales see sense and refuse a licence for this thing to operate.

At least then some jobs can be created, as the thing is dismantled, taken away, and normality returns to our town.

Ade Pitman, Barry.

'If you don't like the term remoaners, stop moaning!'

I READ with interest the excellent letter by Jeff Goodwin – factually accurate and highlighting the 'double standards' being practised by our rulers.

Compare – Welsh devolution – 50.22 per cent turnout (including 3,999 spoiled papers); 11 local authorities voted Yes; 11 voted No: 50.30 per cent Yes; 49. 70 per cent No – 0.60 per cent majority.

Result: Devolution referendum 1997. No demands for re-run. Assembly formed 1999.

EU Referendum (Wales): 71 per cent turnout; majority, 82,025.

Five local authorities voted Remain; 17 local authorities voted Leave; 47 per cent Remain, 53 per cent Leave – 6 per cent majority.

Result: Wailing and moaning from a bunch of sad, bad losers.

We are witnessing the continued disintegration of democracy and the remoaners are precipitating this.

D Williams (letters, August 17) advises us to revisit British history: As a 91-year-old, I have a long personal memory of modern history and I am proud of our history.

The 1930s – the pride we had in creating and governing the largest Empire the world had known – which became the Great Commonwealth of Nations – the gratitude when they joined and helped the Allies to save Europe.

Post War 1945 Britain was a bankrupt nation, flat broke on our own, but with a good Labour Government. We lifted ourselves by the shoelaces and after some hard years we battled through. Look at the NHS and social services from that time.

Common Market 1973 – when we turned against the Commonwealth – high food prices! Remember the butter mountain, the cheese mountain, the wine lakes and the tons of dried milk? All paid for by taxpayers to maintain high prices for French farmers.

There was the steady signing away of our independence by our Prime Ministers without a vote. For the past 30 years, auditors have refused to clear EU accounts. Where did the money go?

Finally, I would challenge the statement that Britain was often described as 'the Sick Man of Europe'. In the mid-19th century, Tsar Nicholas of Russia invited Britain to join him to complete the last Will and Testament of the Otttoman Empire, the sick man.

The Ottoman Empire was known as the 'sick man of Europe' and this continued until formally ended in 1920 with the Treaty of S'evres.

Many European countries have been called the sick man of Europe., such as Italy, Spain, Portugal etc.

Britain was given the title during the Wilson/Callaghan ministry while we were in the EC. In 2015/2016, it was suggested that the EU was the sick man of Europe. Britain has the people to make us world traders – let them do it.

If you don't like the term remoaners – stop moaning.

J Fletcher (aged 91 years)

TIME TO PULL TOGETHER FOR BRITAIN

WELL done, M Lewis, Cowbridge, for speaking out regarding Brexit.

Instead of all the whining, every person with a vote should work together to take back control of our great country.

We did it in 1939-45 and we can do it again.

L Jeffery, Dinas Powys.

Blood risk inquiry call

IN response to Geoff Poole's letter of August 10 ('*Blood victims should benefit now, rather than later*') as a charity representing haemophiliacs in Wales, we disagree and strongly support Alun Cairns' call for a public inquiry into contaminated blood.

The Penrose Inquiry only examined Scottish affairs and the Department of Health declined to give evidence.

Crucial questions as to why blood products continued to be used when risks were known, why Lord Owen's departmental papers were destroyed under a 10-year rule which does not exist, why commercial interests took precedence over public safety, why the UK was the last country in the western world to introduce a test for Hepatitis C – were not in the remit of the inquiry

Seventy deaths in Wales and over 2,000 nationally deserves a public inquiry to get to the truth .

Lynne Kelly, Chair of Haemophilia Wales.

Immigration count

THERE are moves to exclude foreign students from immigration figures, on the basis that eventually they go back home.

The point is – are they here or are they not? Excluding them would be like a bank failing to record deposits into our bank account on the grounds that in due course we are going to take the money out again.

In any case, how can anyone say that students (or anyone else) do actually go back home, other than by counting them in and out?

R Bradshaw, Cowbridge

Send warden to Barry Island!

I AGREE with your contributor that traffic wardens have better things to do than trawl from shop to shop, asking who owns which car.

These people know they have parked illegally, but presumably cannot be bothered to park properly.

Might I suggest that this 'overzealous' traffic warden be sent for a week or so to Barry Island, where we have persistent and varied parking problems in several locations, urgently needing some effective action.

John Deavall, Barry Island.

HIGH TIDE TIMES

(UNTIL SEPTEMBER 7)

The high tides listed in this week's GEM are those in Porthcawl. It should be remembered that along the coast, high tide times will vary. For instance, in Barry, the high point will be 20 – 25 minutes later.

DATE	Time AM	Ht M	Time PM	Ht M
31 Thur	01.34	7.4	14.27	7.3
01 Fri	03.09	7.4	15.57	7.5
02 Sat	04.29	7.7	16.58	8.0
03 Sun	06.26	8.1	17.44	8.6
04 Mon	06.08	8.8	18.24	9.1
05 Tues	06.46	9.3	18.59	9.6
06 Wed	07.21	9.7	19.39	9.9
07 Thur	07.58	10.0	20.16	10.1

While The GEM makes every effort to check the accuracy of tide tables, we recommend that anyone putting out to sea, or walking in an area where they could be cut off, should check with a tide table specific to their location.

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'Delays onto Island are a traffic-flow issue' – SAYS RESIDENT

by GEM REPORTER
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AS temperatures soared on Bank Holiday Monday, thousands of people headed for the coast and Barry Island.

It meant a bumper day for traders, but there were delays on the roads onto the Island.

An Island resident told The GEM that he believed the traffic would flow better if it was managed differently.

Nigel Evans said: "It would be a lot better if they put back the roundabout at Cosy Corner and had fewer traffic lights on the new road onto the Island.

"There's also the problem that the new road hasn't got double yellow lines. which means people are parking on the kerbs which slows the traffic down. Some people are parking in ridiculous places."

Mr Evans pointed out that there are four sets of traffic lights on the stretch of road from the Premier Inn to Plymouth Road – and five if you include the set under the railway bridge at the Harbour Road, Station Approach junction.

"The new road has helped, but it needs better sequencing of the traffic lights.

"I don't think we need all those traffic lights. At Asda perhaps, but not all the others."

Rugby players (including former professionals such as Ceri Sweeney and Paul Griffen) came together to help raise money for local man Leighton Dutton on Bank Holiday Sunday in a rugby veterans tournament. See more pictures from JUDITH DUTTON and a report from the day on page 36.

Police appeal after men in a van approach 11-year-old boy

SOUTH Wales Police launched an investigation following a suspicious incident in which an 11-year-old boy was approached by two men in a van.

The incident took place in Trinity Street, Barry, on Monday, August 21, between 5pm and 9pm.

A police spokeswoman said: "An 11-year-old boy was approached by a white transit style van with two male occupants – driver and passenger.

"The passenger asked the boy to get into the van and said that they knew the boy's mum. The boy ignored them and walked back onto Gadlys Road West towards Alexander Park.

"The van reversed and followed the boy onto Gadlys Road West, but after the boy had walked into Alexander Park, the van drove off by turning back up towards Jenner Road and then left onto Jenner Road and into the direction of Romilly School."

The police have issued two descriptions.

The driver is described as a white male, aged approximately 25 years old, with blond, scruffy hair, wearing a white top with 'NEW YORK CITY' across the front.

The passenger is described as mixed race, aged approximately 30 years old, with stubble on his face, wearing a black, flat-peak baseball cap and a black short-sleeve Armani top, and of thin build. He was smoking and had a local accent.

• ***Police are appealing for anyone who may have seen the white van, or recognise either of the occupants from the descriptions, to contact South Wales Police on 101, quoting reference number: 1700326627.***

Man receives murder sentence

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Police were alerted to the incident in the early hours of the morning after neighbours heard banging and shouting coming from the flat. One teenager was aware of 15 to 20 bangs and screaming which had stopped by the end of the disturbance.

The witness was confident that no one left the premises from the end of the banging until the arrival of officers.

Police found the front door of the flat was locked, and entry was forced, and an attempt was made to resuscitate the victim.

Prosecutor David Taylor told jurors: "When police came into that locked flat, there were two people there – one alive, covered in blood and one dead, violently murdered. There is no mystery in this case."

Mr Taylor said that blood staining in the flat fitted in with the victim being pursued from the living room into the hall of the flat.

He said Davies and Mr Hawkins had come to Edinburgh from Wales "as best of friends", but added there was evidence that had changed and there was friction between them.

He said that appeared to have reached a climax in the earlier incident, when Davies menaced his victim with a knife.

Davies told police that he had taken Valium and claimed that he also had a needle of heroin and ecstasy. A blood test later proved negative for ecstasy and opiate drugs, but gave an indication that he had taken diazepam and cannabis.

During a hostile interview with detectives Davies claimed he was unconscious and did not know what had happened. He told police: "Ashley, I can't even stand the guy."

He called him "a ******* idiot" and added: "I just really don't like the kid."

Defence counsel Keith Stewart QC, for Davies, said: "He maintains his position that he does not remember anything that happened in the flat."

He asked the judge to deal with Davies on the basis that the murder was not a premeditated crime.

Tim Chapman, Glamorgan GEM

'Cut down the whining over disputed goals'

I'VE noticed that following the welcome return of Barry Town (United) to the top level of Welsh League football, a recurring theme in early match reports appears to be constant whining about 'controversial goals' hurting Barry's results.

As someone who attended the game against Aberystwyth, can I put your correspondent's and other aggrieved fans' and players' minds to rest by offering the following viewpoint?

From my position, and that of my companion directly in line with the goal, and having exactly the same view as the linesman, I feel that if the ball for the Aberystwyth equaliser had been any further over the line, the lady in the burger van behind the goal would have had to return it for the kick-off...

In fact, it was probably the easiest decision of the linesman's career.

I appreciate that the view on TV was less conclusive than my own excellent and immediate view.

As a regular spectator of football at all levels, I realise that, unfortunately, it's the norm for players who have just conceded a goal to blame everyone except themselves.

But at a time when recruiting officials is a topic for concern, the sight of players, who had just served up an abysmal performance lacking in basic skills, screaming and swearing at a linesman, who was so spot-on with his decision, illustrates why new recruitment is proving so difficult.

Let's hope standards of skill, behaviour and reporting take an upward turn as the season progresses.

Kevin Mahoney.

Group backs 'one-voice for tourism'

PENARTH Tourism & Visitor Association (PTVA), has announced its backing for the UK Government's current consultation seeking support for a new deal for tourism, which will ensure that all sectors of the industry involved will speak with one voice.

The deal will seek to 'improve productivity, tourism infrastructure and connectivity, make tourism an industry of choice for young people and develop their skills; create correct products for customers and compete globally in a digital world, and develop regulation to ensure sustainability in growth markets.'

Said PTVA's recently-elected chairman, Anthony Ernest: "Here in Wales, we have excellent tourism products appealing to a widely-differing market, and we need to ensure that local tourism businesses are able to build on their own successes with the backing of national government and local authorities.'

He has succeeded former chairman Gary Soltys, who has stood down owing to the pressure of an increasing workload in his successful business, but will continue to sit on the management committee.

Vice-chairman for the next year is Jo Jones, who has had a distinguished career in Welsh tourism, and later, the Welsh Office in London.

The association's next ordinary meeting will be held in October.

All local businesses and organisations, who value the visitor economy in Penarth will be welcome to attend.

PTVA can be contacted at PTVA.Penarth@gmail.com.

The Vale Council praises 'staggering' GCSE results

PUPILS across the Vale of Glamorgan can now breathe a sigh of relief, as WJEC GCSE results for 2017 show a staggering 97.6 per cent passed with A*-G grades and 68.6 per cent with A* - C grades.

The results reveal that Vale pupils have again exceeded the national average this year with 96.9 per cent of pupils in Wales passing with A*-G grades and 62.8 per cent achieving A* - C grades.

Cowbridge Comprehensive was the highest performing school in the Vale for the second year running, as 99.8 per cent of pupils passed with A*-G grades, 86.2 per cent with A* to C and 40.6 per cent with A* or A grades.

99.4 per cent of pupils at Stanwell Comprehensive in Penarth passed with A* - G grades and 80.7 per cent passed with A* - C. At St Cyres School 97.4 per cent passed with A*-G grades.

Pupils at Llantwit Major School achieved 96.7 per cent A* - G passes and 61.7 per cent A* - C.

The county's only Welsh medium school, Ysgol Gyfun Bro Morgannwg, kept their steady success with 97.5 per cent of pupils passing with A*-G grades and 74.3 per cent with A* - C.

Meanwhile, pupils at Bryn Hafren, Barry Comprehensive School and St Richard Gwyn Catholic High recorded A*-G pass rates of 93.6 per cent, 95.4 per cent and 97.5 per cent and A* - C rates of 46.7 per cent, 53.1 per cent and 64.6 per cent respectively.

Coun Bob Penrose, cabinet member for learning and culture, said: "It's great to hear of excellent results once again, and after all their hard work over the past year, I'm sure many pupils will enjoy celebrating today.

"Due to changes in how GCSE papers are set and grades are awarded, this year's results cannot be meaningfully compared to last year's. However, what they do tell us is that we have some fantastic teachers and support staff working in the Vale.

"As a local authority, we now look forward to harnessing this expertise as we continue to support Welsh Government's reforms and to enabling those working in our schools to play a much more central role in the planning and delivery of national policy."

The new examinations introduced this year test a different knowledge base and skills sets than the previous examinations which means that the results cannot be meaningfully compared. This year's results will form a new baseline for comparison purposes; trend data won't be available until 2019.

Witness appeal following a serious RTC

SOUTH Wales Police are appealing for witnesses, following a serious road traffic collision on the morning of Friday, August 24.

The collision, which involved a pedestrian and a lorry, happened just after 8.30am on the A4160 Penarth Road at the Cogan Spur junction.

A man was taken to the University Hospital of Wales with serious injuries, after being hit outside the Barons Court public house by an LGV articulated low loader-type vehicle, which was carrying a green forklift.

Anyone who witnessed the collision, or who has any information which may assist with the investigation, is asked to contact 101, quoting occurrence 1700331426.

Alternatively, Crimestoppers can be contacted anonymously on 0800 555 111.

Choir warm up for big match!

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This year continues to be the most successful year for the choir for a very long time. A strong relationship within the choir continues to grow. Last year's new members are now an important part of the choir.

Choir chairman Gareth Roberts added: "To sing at the Wales v Australia match is the icing on this incredible summer. An excellent annual concert, followed by a memorable visit to Belgium and, soon, the Principality Stadium seemed unbelievable a year ago.

"We are indebted to Dr James for inviting us. He attended our annual concert two years ago and clearly recognised the high quality of the choir."

Barry Male Voice Choir will hold another recruitment campaign in the autumn. Details will be found on the website.

Weekly meeting for local group

BARRY Friends and Neighbours Group (FAN) meets weekly on Wednesdays at 11.30am upstairs in Barry Library.

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NatWest closes Dinas Powys branch

Dinas Powys councillor Vince Driscoll and previous chair of the Community Council Margaret Hayley.

THE Dinas Powys branch of NatWest bank is set to shut its doors for the final time on November 16.

The nearest branch for Dinas Powys customers will now be on Plymouth Road in Penarth, 2.8 miles away.

NatWest previously announced its intention to close the branch on April 16, 2016, due to a reduction in customer use since 2011 (56 per cent reduction, with only 18 regular users).

However, the temporary closure of the Penarth branch due to property damage, led to a suspension of the closure date for the Dinas Powys branch.

Now that full repair works have been undertaken in Penarth, the branch will be reopening in September, and the bank will be proceeding with its original decision to close the Dinas Powys branch.

A NatWest bank spokesperson stated: "We are proactively communicating with our customers affected by the closure and will be contacting vulnerable customers and regular branch users – and will be adhering in full to the new Access to Banking Standard.

"We know that not all of our customers are comfortable or familiar with using online or mobile banking, so we have created a 'new specialist taskforce of NatWest TechXperts' who will be dedicated to supporting our customers with training and support with digital skills, until the branch closes."

Vale MP Alun Cairns said: "I am very disappointed to learn that a date has been set for the closure of Dinas Powys' branch of NatWest. The community has fought hard to stop the closure; however, the regretful decision has been made by the bank.

"While I understand that NatWest is keen for those customers affected by the closure to travel to Penarth or, alternatively, use online banking, I am conscious that this is not possible for everyone.

"I will, therefore, be requesting that the NatWest mobile bank visits the village on a more frequently in order that those who cannot travel easily or have access to the internet can continue to be served by the bank."

Dinas Powys councillor Vince Driscoll added: "Although we knew in the village that the closure was inevitable, the setting of a definite date for closure remains disheartening.

"My fellow councillors for Dinas Powys and I seek to ensure that all those affected will still be able to bank with as little inconvenience as possible.

"I will be requesting a meeting with the designated TechXperts – to learn how much further support will be needed for those who cannot bank online, or travel to Penarth."

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Barry Comprehensive School pupils again achieve 'excellent' set of GSCE results

Smiles all round as results are checked

Simon Williams is congratulated by headteacher Gerard McNamara.

BARRY Comprehensive School is celebrating what a spokesperson said was "another excellent set of GCSE results" – with 70 per cent of pupils achieving at least 5 A*-C grades and 50 per cent achieving the same measure including both English and Maths.

"Of particular note," continued the spokesperson, "is Simon Williams, who passed with 13 GCSEs at A* or A, including A* in English Language, Literature, Mathematics, Biology, Chemistry, Physics, History, Geology and French."

Of note, too, are Matthew Watkins, with 12 A* or A grades, including A* in English Language, Literature, Mathematics, Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Engineering, French and Welsh and Evan Wells, with 12 A* or A grades, including A* in English Language, Literature, Mathematics, Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Geography and Religious Studies.

Headteacher Gerard McNamara commented:

"The results this year were very pleasing, and a real reflection of the hard work from all in our school community – pupils, staff and governors.

"The school has made big improvements over the last few years, and this year's results have been achieved during a time of some of the biggest changes to affect the exam system in many years.

"A big factor in our success continues to be the constant support of parents, who always insist on high standards for our boys and regular homework being completed to a high standard.

"With this fantastic news we look forward to the year ahead and further improvements to celebrate.

"The vast majority of our pupils have now secured the grades they need to progress to our sixth form, or other choices – which ensures we can all move forward together as a school community.

"My heartfelt congratulations go to all pupils and families."

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MP TELLS VALE COUNCIL THAT

SAFETY IS PARAMOUNT

'Look again at residents' calls for zebra crossing'

MP FOR the Vale, Alun Cairns, is calling on the Vale Council to reconsider the request of residents for a zebra crossing on Lakin Drive, Highlight Park.

Calls for the zebra crossing arose after work was carried out to lower the kerb for disabled users of the pavement; however, no crossing facility was provided.

The primary concerns presented by residents were that the speed of the traffic which travels along Lakin Drive is frequently dangerously fast, which poses a danger especially to the elderly and disabled.

Following the initial calls, the proposal was not approved, on the grounds that the evidence supplied by a 30-minute survey period did not show any pedestrians attempting to cross Lakin Drive within the vicinity of the medical centre or the community centre.

Mr Cairns said, "Despite the initial rejection, I do not accept that there is no justification for the provision of a pedestrian crossing facility, when so many of my constituents contact me regarding this specific issue. Highlight Park is a densely populated area and safety is paramount."

Councillor for Dyfan, Leighton Rowlands added: "I was disappointed that the requested zebra crossing was seen as unnecessary. I do not think that a 30-minute survey of the traffic travelling along Lakin Drive is sufficient.

"I will, therefore, be organising for a further, more comprehensive survey of the traffic to be taken."

Aviation Society meeting

THE next meeting of the Penarth Aviation Society will be held on Friday September 1 at 8pm in Penarth Conservative Club.

This month, the speaker will be society member John Andrew, who will be following his talks on Australian and Russian aircraft museums with a talk on the Madrid Aviation Museum.

It will be an overview of 100 years of aviation in Spain through his visit to the Madrid Aviation Museum.

Located on the site of Spain's oldest military airfield, the museum hosts over 150 exhibits from wood and fabric biplanes, through powerful monoplane fighters to modern jets.

Although the majority are military types there are also a few civilian aircraft, including the de Havilland Rapide which carried General Franco from the Canary Islands at the start of the Spanish Civil War.

The society meets on the first Friday of the month at the Penarth Conservative Club. Visitors and potential members are welcome to attend and sample hospitality.

Further information from secretary Barrie Howell (029) 21322385; Website www.penarthaviationsociety.co.uk or the society's Facebook page www.facebook.com/penarthaviationsociety.co.uk.

Why Joanne is taking on a 'one million step challenge'

A WOMAN from Barry is taking on the 'One Million Step Challenge' for Diabetes UK after her son was diagnosed with Type 1 diabetes.

The event takes place between July 1 and September 30, and invites people to 'push themselves out of their comfort zone' by taking one million steps over three months and getting sponsored for every stride.

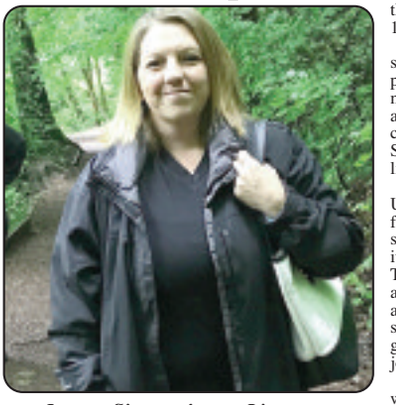
Joanne Simpson, 43, is taking part because her son Liam, now 17, was diagnosed with Type 1 diabetes when he was 12.

By the time he was diagnosed, Liam was in diabetic ketoacidosis (DKA), a life-threatening condition that requires urgent medical attention.

Doctors were initially worried he may not survive the night, and Liam spent two days recovering in the high dependency unit at hospital.

It will take Joanne at least 10,000 steps a day to reach her total. She is now over the halfway point of her challenge and well on her way to the magic one million.

She has been training hard for the event and said: "Liam was seriously ill when he was diagnosed. He had just come back from holiday and fell into a coma. We rushed him straight to hospital where doctors told me he had Type 1 diabetes and that he may not survive the night.



Joanne Simpson's son, Liam, was diagnosed with diabetes at the age of 12.

"It was an incredibly scary time for our family, but after two days, he regained consciousness. Luckily, there was no damage to his internal organs.

"Liam manages his diabetes really well and is in good health. But it could so easily have gone the other way.

"My view is that my son has to face challenges every day with diabetes, so me facing this challenge is nothing in comparison. Some days are harder than others but I am making time to ensure that I hit a minimum of 10,000 steps per day.

"I work in an office, so sometimes I have to put extra effort in to make sure that I do achieve them. My challenge ends in September, but his is for life."

Joseph Cuff, Diabetes UK Cymru's fundraising manager, said: "People can walk it, jog it or dance it. There is so much choice about how people can achieve one million steps. We're really grateful to Joanne for joining in.

"Every penny raised will help us to support the millions of people living with diabetes in the UK – so please give generously to back her amazing effort."

To sponsor Joanne's challenge, visit www.justgiving.com/fundraising/jo-simpson12.

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The dragon sculpture in Porthkerry Park – can you give it a name?

Can you put a name to this legend of the past?

A legend of the past has reappeared at Porthkerry Country Park in Barry.

A spokesperson said: "A spectacular dragon's head sculpture carved in wood is inspired by myths that tell of a fire-breathing serpent who roams the woods at night."

It is all part of a Vale Council project to upgrade local parks, with several other sites in Barry and Penarth also receiving makeovers.

Chris Wood, from Wood Art Works, carved the dragon's head, using just a chainsaw, thanks to funding from the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF).

The council's parks team are now calling on the public to help them name the dragon.

Suggestions can be sent to site ranger Melanie Stewart by emailing MJStewart@valeof glamorgan.gov.uk

People of all ages recently met at Cwm Ciddy Saw Mill in the park to celebrate the finishing of the work on August 16. A chainsaw carving demonstration was held, as well as lessons in how to make wood wands and flower workshops.

Families enjoyed two magical woodland walks, where Lulu Whizzlegs, Ula who likes to Hula, and Azan Shoopard the Froghopper, transformed the woods into the setting for a magical tea party.

Coun Jonathan Bird, cabinet member for regeneration and planning, said: "We hope people will enjoy the new features at Porthkerry Country Park and welcome their suggestions for what we should call our new dragon!

"As a council, we are committed to promoting a healthy, active lifestyle, which is why a number of parks have undergone improvement work in recent months and others are set for similar treatment in the near future."

The work has also seen the old saw mill refurbished and Augmented Reality (AR) technology installed, which allows people to view scenes from the past through their smartphones.

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Dinas Powys Rotary helps keep blood service on the road

Pictured are: Blood Bikes PR, David Payne, former Rotary president, Kevin Fowler, and Blood Bikes controller/rider, Mike Lake.

DURING his year in office as Dinas Powys Rotary Club president, Kevin Fowler nominated Blood Bikes Wales as one of his key charities.

The latest donation to the charity brings the total of funds raised for Blood Bikes Wales (BBW) to £3,000. Throughout the year, the charity appeared at the Rotary Club's Dickensian fair and classic car show, giving them the opportunity to explain who they are and describe the service they provide to the NHS and other national charities.

David Payne, on behalf of the charity, said: "The money raised in the past year by the Dinas Powys Rotary Club was exceptional and will enable us to maintain our professional 'out-of-hours' service, along with an interim 'in-hours' enhancement service, for the NHS and other charity partners."

BBW is a charity that transports blood, plasma, platelets, samples, vaccines, donor breast-milk and any other urgently-required medical items to hospitals at night, weekends and bank holidays.

They provide a vital service in supporting cancer patients, and ensuring that blood samples can be dealt with more efficiently.

BBW covers the whole of the country, providing a professional, high-quality service. They rely solely on the generosity of the public, their members and businesses in Wales.

To find out more about BBW, contact David Payne by email at pr@blood bikes.wales. Follow them on Facebook or Twitter and keep an eye out for them on the road.

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Highlight Park WI's lunch with a view for a worthy cause

Highlight Park ladies enjoy their relaxing day out for a good cause.

THIRTY EIGHT members of Highlight Park Women's Institute, Barry recently gathered at the delightful home of branch treasurer Pam.

Pam and her team entertained us to a very tasty ploughman's lunch with desserts to follow, *a branch correspondent reports.*

Afterwards, we made use of the fine weather after a very inclement week of wet days by going outside and sitting in the sunshine, The summer house, which Pam had renovated herself, was a joy. with views of the Bristol Channel and beyond.

This was the first in a couple of charity-raising events to be held in aid of Blood Bikes Wales [see left] This charity supports the NHS by providing a professional, high-quality 'out of hours' service to various health boards in Wales.

They use their own transportation to move blood supplies, plasma, documents and other items as required, and they currently estimate that for every pound they raise to support their operation, the NHS saves £5. Their aim is to expand the service as far as possible throughout Wales.

Our second charity event in August in support of Blood Bikes Wales, was held on Tuesday, August 22, when a very successful coffee morning took place at the Highlight Park Community Centre. Coffee; tea or soft drink and a delicious choice of cake and biscuits was included in the ticket price of just £3.

Starting at 10am, the WI team manned the stalls of bric-a-brac, tombola, craft items, books, jewellery and 'name the twin dolls' as well as the raffle.

Our thanks go to the people who came along to support us and the very deserving charity. We were honoured to welcome the Mayor of Barry and her consort and the Mayor of Llantwit Major and her consort. Members of other local WI groups were also made very welcome.

The Blood Bikes Wales' two representatives brought along their magnificent Triumph 1200cc motorbike and gave a talk about their valuable work.

During August, some members have been getting together for coffee at the coffee shop at Wenvoe Garden Centre.

Our next meeting will be on September 19 – a games night and buffet. Sewing circle meets on Thursdays at 2pm, and the afternoon meeting on the first Tuesday of each month is at 2pm.

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Dinas Powys enjoys Bank Holiday fun

The winners of the 11-legged race, Mathilda and Lily, with their dogs.

DINAS VETS, with the support of the local community council, hosted a Family Fun Day and Fun Dog Show at the common on Monday, August 28.

As well as a range of stalls, the highlight was the dog show. Categories included 'Best Pedigree', 'Waggiest Tail' and 'Champion in Show'.

The 'Champion in Show' was Milly, with owner Catrina and the winners of the 11-legged race were Matilda and Lily with their spaniels.

The event fills the August Bank Holiday Monday slot, which for some years has been missing from the village's social calendar.

Dinas Powys Vets sponsored the day with Dinas Powys Community Council providing a grant of £500.

Musical entertainment was provided by Dark Horse, who played many memorable numbers.

Much of the work fell on the shoulders of Emily from Dinas Powys Vets, based on Cardiff Road, and her small band of supporters.

Dinas Powys Football Club held a football obstacle course with coach Ray Davies working hard under a blazing sun.

Sarah Bentley of Open Gardens sold plants, an organisation that raises funds for charity and introduces new specimens to the public.

The Scouts, the WI, Crepe Escape, Network Rail, and Daisy Graze, who produces local preserves and conserves, were also at the show.

St John Ambulance Cymru attended to keep everyone safe.

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GILL'S RUN TO AID COMMUNITY BUS SERVICE

Gill Evans regularly drives the East Vale Community Transport minibuses, but last Sunday she ran for the buses – 10 kilometres from Wales to England across the Severn Bridge.

Successfully completing the run in beautiful weather, Gill raised welcome funds to help keep the buses running.

"We are very grateful to Gill," said Shona McEachern, chairperson of the EVCT Trustees.

"Not only is she one of our loyal band of volunteer drivers, but she has also devoted time to raising sponsorship for us. Her contribution will go towards the maintenance of the minibuses which are serviced every ten weeks."

EVCT is the Penarth-based charity serving the eastern Vale to provide accessible door-to-door transport for anyone needing it. To find out more about using the service or volunteering, please call 02920 750138 or email enquiries@evct.org.uk

Barry holds a 'Party on the Square'

HOLTON Road traders are launching their 'Shop Local' campaign with a music and food festival at King Square, on Saturday, September 23.

The chairman of Holton Road Traders, Dave Elliott of TL Systems, told The GEM that the event was taking place with the support of Barry Town Council.

"The council has provided £2,800, which part-funds the event and pays for the stage.

"We will be launching our 'Shop Local Campaign', and councillors will take the time to talk to people about the benefits of shopping locally rather than going elsewhere – such as Cardiff."

There will a line-up of bands, and the traders hope to feature local choirs between the band changeovers.

Dave explained: "There will also be musical performances in the library on the day too."

Holton Road's JPL Sound will help with the stage, sound and lighting on the day.

Dave added: "Holton Road food outlets – all the way from the Bassett down to the Civic Offices – will be hosting food stalls. If a business wants to get involved, they can get in touch with me at TL Systems."

In what promises to be a festival of fun, there will also be glitter face-painting, a barbecue and balloon art.

Bro Radio will be broadcasting and compering the event.

Witness appeal after man is hurt in collision

South Wales Police are appealing for witnesses following a serious road traffic incident on the outskirts of Penarth on Friday (August 25).

It involved a pedestrian and a lorry, just after 8.30am on the A4160 Penarth Road at the Cogan Spur junction.

A police spokeswoman said: "A man was taken to the University Hospital of Wales with serious injuries, after being hit outside the Barons Court public house by an LGV articulated low loader-type vehicle, which was carrying a green forklift.

"Anyone who witnessed the collision, or who has any information which may assist with the investigation, is asked to contact 101, quoting reference 1700331426.

"Alternatively, Crimestoppers can be contacted, free and anonymously, on 0800 555 111."

Join the choir!

PENARTH choir Cavatina Singers are looking for more recruits at a 'Come and Sing' event on Saturday, September 23

The *Fauré Requiem* will be practised in the afternoon and then performed, with soloists drawn from the Royal Welsh College of Music and Drama.

It will be held at All Saints' Church, Victoria Road, Penarth from 2pm, with a performance of the *Requiem* following at 6pm. Both experienced singers and novices are welcome, at a cost of £8 per person, to include music hire and refreshments.

For those wishing to attend the performance only, entrance is free (there will be a retiring collection).

The choir meets regularly for practice at Tabernacle Baptist Church in Plassey Street, Penarth on a Tuesday evening from 7.30pm to 9.30pm. If you would like to know more get in touch by email at cavatinasingers@outlook.com or via our website: www.cavatinasingers.org.uk .

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‘Strong set of results’ at Ysgol Bro Morgannwg

Makayla Bourne opening results with Mum.

Thomas Lowrie (left) and Aled Misra.

Joseff Nicholas (left) and Jack Tweddle.

Taylor Watkins (left) and Celyn Osborne.

Megan Griffiths (left and Alana Ali.

YSGOL Gymraeg Bro Morgannwg in Barry report a strong set of results in this year’s GCSEs.

Headteacher Hywel Price said: “I wish to congratulate all pupils and staff of Ysgol Gymraeg Bro Morgannwg on the impressive GCSE results.

“Following an excellent set of A level results the previous week, it is with pleasure I announce that 67% of pupils gained the Level 2+ (5 GCSEs including Welsh or English and Mathematics) and that 83% of pupils have gained five or more Level 2 qualifications.

“The past two years have seen significant changes in the GCSE courses and it is pleasing to note that 25% of the cohort achieved 5 or more A* or A grades which included Mathematics and English or Welsh and is testimony to the endeavours of the departments.

“We are extremely pleased that every pupil will leave the school this year with a qualification. Pupils of all abilities have succeeded and deserve to celebrate their success.”

The following pupils were amongst the high performers of the cohort: Jack Tweddle – 11A* 1A; Rebecca Roberts – 10A* 2A; Joseff Nicholas – 8A* 4A; Aled Misra – 8A* 3A; Robert Thomas – 8A* 3A 1B; Iestyn Fenn – 6A* 4A 1B; Bethan Harris – 6A* 3A 1B; James Rees – 4A* 7A 1B; Beca Mai Berry – 3A* 8A 1B; Thomas Lowrie – 3A* 7A 1B.

We look forward to welcoming them back to the Sixth Form to commence upon their A-Level courses. Congratulations to you all!

Canlyniadau TGAU 2017

Hoffwn longyfarch holl ddisgyblion a staff Ysgol Gymraeg Bro Morgannwg ar ganlyniadau TGAU arbennig eleni.

Yn dilyn canlyniadau Safon Uwch gwych yr wythnos ddiwethaf braf yw nodi bod 67% o ddisgyblion yr ysgol wedi llwyddo i sicrhau’r Trothwy Lefel 2+ (5 TGAU gan gynnwys Cymraeg neu Saesneg a Mathemateg) a bod 83% o ddisgyblion wedi sicrhau 5 neu fwy o gymhwysterau Lefel 2.

Mewn cyfnod lle bu newidiadau cwricwlaidd sylweddol a disgyblion yn sefyll arholiadau allanol ar eu newydd gwedd braf yw nodi bod 25% o’r garfan wedi llwyddo i ennill pump neu fwy o raddau A/A gan gynnwys Mathemateg a Saesneg neu Gymraeg sy’n dyst i holl ymdrechion yr adrannau.*

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Ymhlith y nifer sylweddol o ddisgyblion a serennodd oedd y canlynol: Jack Tweddle – 11A 1A; Rebecca Roberts – 10A* 2A; Joseff Nicholas – 8A* 4A; Aled Misra – 8A* 3A; Robert Thomas – 8A* 3A 1B; Iestyn Fenn – 6A* 4A 1B; Bethan Harris – 6A* 3A 1B; James Rees – 4A* 7A 1B; Beca Mai Berry – 3A* 8A 1B; Thomas Lowrie – 3A* 7A 1B.*

Edrychwn ymlaen at eu croesawu yn ôl i’r chweched dosbarth er mwyn cychwyn ar eu hastudiaethau Safon Uwch. Llongyfarchiadau gwresog i chi gyd!

JACOB WINS GOLD FOR READING!

Jacob proudly showing off his gold medal.

JACOB CAREY, aged seven, has met the Summer Reading Challenge at the Barry Library.

Jacob read six library books to complete the Challenge and receive his gold medal. Jacob’s favourite book was ‘Kragos and Kildor’ from Adam Blade’s Beast Quest Series. He liked it because it was all about monsters.

“Jacob is a very good reader for his age,” said his mum, Kelly Carey: “We read together every night – Jacob reads to me, and I read to him, and we love doing different voices.”

Melanie Weeks, senior librarian, added: “More than 300 children have signed up to the Summer Reading Challenge at Barry Library.

“With only two weeks to go, all the children need to read and read to finish their six books and come to the library to get their medal.”

The Summer Reading Challenge finishes on Saturday, September 9. **Melanie Weeks**

Penarth and District Ramblers: walks update

WILLIAM was joined by a group of nine walkers for a 16-mile hike, taking in the glorious countryside of the Wye Valley in beautiful sunshine starting from Ross-on-Wye.

Joining part of the Wye Valley Walk and heading along the eastern bank of the river, then moving onto the Herefordshire Trail towards the Hill of Eaton and Hole in the Wall, a descent to the river signalled a stop for morning break – before continuing on to How Caple and into the quiet village of King’s Caple.

Reaching and admiring the suspension footbridge at Sellack Boat for lunch, their journey continued to the 12th century St Tysilio’s Church that was rebuilt in local sandstone.

Making their way to the 12th century St Bridget’s Church in Bridstow for their last break of the day and passing below the A449 to the red sandstone remains of Wilton Castle, which fell into ruins after the Civil War THEN re-crossing the river, they returned to their start point.

BEACONS

Sunshine also accompanied Rachel and her 11 companions on a linear walk from Abergavenny back to Pontypool by way of the Brecon Beacons National Park.

Leaving cars at Pontypool for the train journey to the picturesque town of Abergavenny then through Castle Meadows and over the Tudor Bridge brought them uphill past St Faith’s Church to the pretty Llanfoist Wharf which lies below Blorenge.

Pathways through several woodlands with glorious views to Ysgyryd Fawr and across the stunningly beautiful Usk Valley led them into more woodland at Graig Syddi, Ysgubor Aur and Coed y Prior, before a descent through fields to the canal.

Following quiet lanes uphill for lunch just past Coed Robin, a series of rocky paths and sunken tracks led them downhill and across a boggy area to farming land populated with sheep, cattle and horses and a view of the Folly Tower above Pontypool Park.

Then passing a very naughty but cute Shetland pony called George and a lovely Tudor Welsh farmhouse dating to the 16th century, a tramp through woodland, then fields, then along the canal bank led them back to New Inn, for the short walk to pick up their cars from the station for their homeward journey.

On September 2, meet at Penarth Station to catch the 8.47am train, which can be joined at Cardiff Central at 9.01am for a 13-mile moderate walk taking in Pengam, Gelligaer Common and Fochriw; with a train ride home from Bargoed. Contact John R on 029 2070 8294.

Wear suitable clothing, preferably boots and carry waterproofs, food and drinks. Some degree of fitness is required and if you are in any doubt, contact the walk leader for advice.

To follow the group log on to www.penarthramblers.wordpress.com or Facebook. Programmes and membership advice can be obtained from Pam on 029 2025 5102. ***Joy Strangward***

GVS IS THERE TO HELP YOU!

IS your voluntary or community group looking for funding for core or project costs?

If so, Glamorgan Voluntary Services (GVS) can help you identify potential funders you could approach for support, or provide advice on how to develop sustainable income streams.

GVS’ Development Officer, Dave Edwards, will be attending the mini-volunteering fair in Llantonian Hall, Llantwit Major on Thursday, September 14 between 3pm and 6pm and will be available to discuss your funding requirements. No need to book.

Contact GVS, at 01446 741706; enquiries@gvs.wales, and www.gvs.wales.

Update your details on Vale Electoral Register

THE Vale Council is urging people across the county to check and update information that appears on the electoral register for their address.

Residents are being asked to respond to a Household Enquiry Form that has been sent out, by telephone, online or by post to make sure it is up to date

The register lists the names and addresses of everyone who is registered to vote in public elections.

For more information, visit the website at gov.uk/register-to-vote.

‘Rebooted’ business networking chances in the Vale

DURING the summer, a south Wales’ business networking organisation – Zokit – has been ‘rebooting’ its established meetings in the Vale.

A spokesperson said: “The new venues and a choice of breakfast and light lunches, mean it’s the ideal way of making connections and develop relationships with like-minded business owners from the Vale and beyond and many local businesses have grasped the opportunity to meet similar business owners to exchange ideas.”

Any small business owner who is based in the Vale and or does business here is encouraged to attend as a visitor.

All meetings between September and Christmas will be held at the Copthorne Hotel or The Custom House at Penarth Marina.

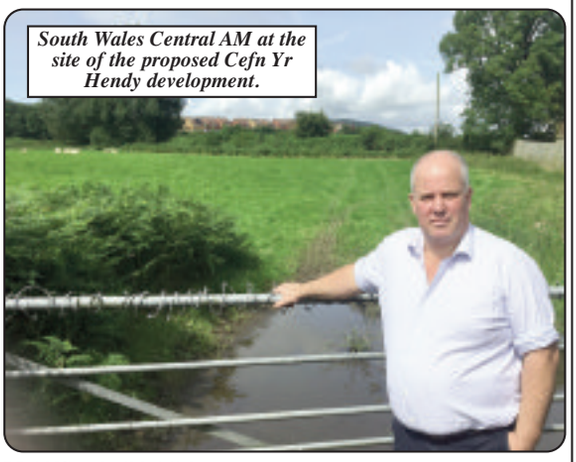
Meetings alternate between breakfast networking at the Copthorne and light lunch networking in the Old Custom House.

The next networking lunch will be held at the Old Custom House on Thursday, September 7 starting at 12.30pm and the next breakfast on Thursday, September 21 starting at 7.30am.

For further information contact dyfrig@zokit.co.uk.

'Development will put even more pressure on local transport system'

Welsh Government is urged to rein in plans for 460 new houses in Vale



South Wales Central AM at the site of the proposed Cefn Yr Hendy development.

PLANS to build 460 houses on land just off the A4119 will put even greater pressures on transport infrastructure in the Vale, says South Wales Central regional AM Andrew RT Davies.

A planning application has been submitted for the Cefn Yr Hendy development on land between Miskin, Talbot Green and Mwyndy.

"It also has the potential to create problems for villages in the rural Vale – including Hensol, Welsh St Donats and Pendoylan – as it will worsen existing capacity issues at Junction 34 of the M4," he argues.

As well as submitting a formal objection to Rhondda Cynon Taf County Borough Council, the Welsh Tory leader has written to the Cabinet Secretary for Environment and Rural Affairs, Lesley Griffiths AM asking her to call in the planning application.

He has cited particular issues of national significance, including the fact the application goes beyond the locality and will affect residents of the Vale and Cardiff too.

"Residents of Pontyclun, Miskin and Talbot Green, have rightly expressed concerns about the proposed development at Cefn Yr Hendy, but the potential problems go far beyond these areas.

"With the site so close to a Junction 34, adding so many new houses will inevitably exacerbate existing capacity issues with the road infrastructure.

"Vale residents using the junction will feel the effects of this, as will the village of Hensol, which is located close by.

"I have, therefore, formally objected to the development, but there are also issues of national significance at stake.

"So I've also written to the Cabinet Secretary and asked her to call in the application – and I hope she will do so to ensure these are not ignored."

'Dish Out Dosh' provides funding for Vale youth projects

DISH Out Dosh is a grant scheme that provides funding for groups that would like to set up a youth-focused project benefiting young people aged 14-25 in the Vale.

In the picture, from from left to right, are Chris Economides, Catherine Jones, Pat Finch (of Barry Beavers Disabled Swimming Club) with Paul Warren (GVS).

Councillor would vote against allowances

A Barry town councillor has said he will vote against the introduction of councillors' allowances, when the issue comes under discussion at a council meeting on Monday, September 4.

The only councillors who have received allowances in the past have been the Mayor of Barry Town Council and the Deputy Mayor – in the last financial year, 2016-17, that totalled £3,303.

Councillors are due to discuss a report by the Independent Remuneration Panel Wales, which determines the allowances that can be paid to elected members of councils.

It could mean councillors getting reimbursed for expenses involving things like travel and telephone calls.

Dyfan councillor Vincent Bailey said: "I would vote against any moves to introduce allowances for town councillors.

"I took this role on knowing full well that my time and travel would come out of my own pocket.

"That money would be much better spent on local community groups, charities and supporting struggling small businesses.

"What worries me, though, is the fact that these decisions can be taken by us at all.

"It sends a pretty poor signal to residents when they can see politicians taking votes on their own pay."

Coun Bailey added: "Clearly, this is a matter for individual members. I hope that others will agree with me that this is not the best use of public money, and once again roundly reject proposals to introduce allowances."

Opportunity knocks!

CONGRATULATIONS are owed to all students in the Vale who have found out the results of their GCSE and A-Level exams, this month.

Thousands of young adults across the Vale went through the nerve-wracking experience of opening that all important envelope or email. Many will have been delighted, and some slightly disappointed.

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Alun Cairns MP,
Vale of Glamorgan.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Councillors' surgery

LLANTWIT FIRST Independent councillors will be holding a surgery at the Heritage Centre, Town Hall, Llantwit Major on Saturday, September 2, from 9.30am to 11.30am. All residents who have an issue to raise are welcome.

TeleV Project

IF you live in the Vale, the TeleV Project aims to improve quality of life by helping people to manage the risks of living in their own homes with a simple device.

An adviser from TeleV Vale of Glamorgan will be available to demonstrate the services that are available. This session will be held on Tuesday, September 4 from 10am to 12pm. Come along to Age Connects Cardiff and Vale Senior Health Shop, 38 Holton Road, Barry. Call 01446 732385 for further information.

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Aston Martin's £500m trade deal with Japan will help drive St Athan site

ASTON MARTIN Lagonda (AML), which will build its first sports utility vehicle (SUV) at MoD St Athan, has announced trade and investment between the United Kingdom and Japan worth up to £500 million over the next five years.

Image courtesy of Aston Martin Lagonda.

Dr Andy Palmer, Aston Martin president and CEO, announced the investment programme on August 29 during his visit to Japan as part of the UK delegation accompanying Prime Minister Theresa May.

The trade and investment created by the luxury marque, said an AML spokesperson, "...signals the importance of the Japanese luxury car market to the global success of Aston Martin."

Included in the announcement was a projection by AML of exports from its UK plants – Gaydon and St Athan, which will produce the DBX SUV from late 2019 onwards – worth more £400m.

This, said the spokesperson, "...will be boosted by new sports cars and the introduction of the company's first SUV, the DBX.

AML will buy more than £70m in components from Japanese suppliers including Bridgestone, Denso, Mitsubishi and Yazaki, and will create the 'Aston Martin Meta Technology and Luxury Accelerator' office in Japan, to open in next year.

There will also be investments in a flagship global brand centre in Tokyo, new Aston Martin Japan HQ and further growth of the Aston Martin dealer network across Japan.

Prime Minister May said: "As we prepare to leave the European Union, it is vital that we build on our existing ties with friends and allies.

"Aston Martin is a prime example of the innovative and world leading firms the UK is proud of and I'm delighted they are joining me on this important trade mission.

"Aston Martin's £500m deal will directly benefit the Gaydon plant in West Midlands and the St Athan plant in Wales, helping safeguard existing jobs and opening new possibilities for future deals with Japan."

Last week, AML released its half yearly results, which saw Aston Martin register its third successive quarter of pre-tax profit.

"Our improving performance reflects rising demand for our new and special products," said Dr Palmer.

He continued: "As the world's second largest luxury car market, Japan is key to our future plans as we completely revitalise and expand our product portfolio under our 'Second Century' plan.

"We have long enjoyed a loyal following from Japanese customers and the public alike, with our new dealership in Tokyo set to become our largest worldwide by volume."

Between now and the conclusion of the Second Century plan in 2022, Aston Martin sales will, the company forecasts, more than double, making Japan one of the companies top five global markets by volume. Aston Martin currently exports a range of four sports cars to Japan including the new DB11 model.

South Wales Central AM Andrew RT Davies said that Aston Martin's announcement could bring huge benefits to the Vale.

Describing the move as "hugely significant" for Wales and the whole UK – Mr Davies placed considerable emphasis on the boost it would bring to workers at the St Athan plant.

He said: "The fact Aston Martin have announced a £500m investment deal shows the importance of their UK operations – and underlines how highly they are valued.

"This is fantastic news for the automotive industry in Wales – and particularly for workers at St Athan".

AML's investment at MoD St Athan – the site was chosen from more than 20 others around the world – is part of an earlier raft of investments totalling some £200m that will generate approximately 750 jobs at the site and thousands more in the supply chain.

'PoW is the tops'

MY husband, aged 79, was admitted to the stroke unit at Princess of Wales Hospital, in Bridgend, having lost the use of his legs.

I want to thank the unit, which was very busy and having 20-plus very sick patients, for the amazing care and kindness shown to him.

Thankfully, he's now well and almost back to normal. The professionalism and excellent nursing care was unsurpassable.

The food was varied and like a hotel – thank you also to the chef.

I can truly recommend this hospital; out of the six hospitals I've been in south Wales in my lifetime, The Princess of Wales is the tops. Thank you.

Peggy Leigh,
Caerphilly.

ROALD DAHL DAY

ON Wednesday, September 13, from 4pm – 5.30pm, 'Roald Dahl Day' will be celebrated at Barry Library.

This is for children age 6+ to come dressed as their favourite character from a book;games and activities; 32 spaces available.

Barry Library is starting a film club for children aged 8 – 11, from Tuesday.September 12.

Booking required, limited spaces available; contact Nathan or Marie on 01446 422425.

Soroptimists go on a leisurely day out

From left: Kay Thomas, Mary Tornabene, Mary Straughn, Sandra Evans and Pam Price Thomas.

MEMBERS of SI Barry & District and their friends opted for Westonbirt House and gardens for their August day out this year.

Thirty-six went on the trip organised with customary efficiency by Audrey Hirst. There was a stop at Tetbury for a quick shop and some new outfits!

After refreshments, the group arrived at their destination – where there was a fascinating tour of Westonbirt House, which was the home of the Holford family from 1665 until 1926, when it was sold to the Martyrs' Memorial Trust for £25,000 and became a girls' boarding school.

It remains as such today, with access to the public granted on certain days. The arboretum was given to the public in 1956.

Following a lovely afternoon tea, there was a leisurely walk in the sunshine around the garden trail, viewing the Italian gardens, the church, and recently restored camellia house. Soroptimist Pam Pryce Thomas gave a vote of thanks to Audrey and said that it had been a most enjoyable day.

To find out more about the club, visit www.sigbi.org/barry-and-district.

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Weeping Window on display at the Senedd

Andrew RT Davies AM at the* Weeping Window *outside the Senedd.

RESIDENTS are being urged to take the opportunity to view the unique *Weeping Window* sculpture at the National Assembly for Wales in Cardiff Bay.

The sculpture – by artist Paul Cummins and designer Tom Piper – is made of thousands of ceramic poppies.

It originally formed part of the installation *Blood Swept Lands and Seas of Red* that contained the 'field of poppies' displayed at the Tower of London in 2014. It is now on a UK-wide tour to enable people across the country to reflect and remember those who gave their lives.

The display forms part of Wales' programme of events to mark the centenary of the First World War.

It coincides with the 100th anniversary of the Battle of Passchendaele, in which over a quarter of a million British servicemen gave their lives.

South Wales Central regional AM, Andrew RT Davies, said: "As we mark the centenary of the First World War, it is vital we never forget the sacrifice made by those who fought to secure the freedoms and values we often take for granted.

"The Weeping Window is a poignant symbol that represents the scale of loss, and really brings home the fact that so many gave their lives.

"Just like the Field of Poppies at the Tower of London – it does a far better job demonstrating the sacrifice made than words alone can do.

"We are very fortunate to have it right here on our doorstep. It will be on display until September 24, so I'd urge Vale residents to take the opportunity to appreciate it for themselves between now and then."

Red Tractor Week

Red Tractor Week 2017 (September 11 – 17) celebrates great food, great farming and quality food.

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WHAT'S ON AND WHERE IN YOUR AREA

Songs and Strings

ST Theodore's Church, Kenfig Hill is the venue for old friends Côr Merched Cwm Llynfi, which will perform in the church on Wednesday, September 27 at 7pm.

The ladies of the choir, under the baton of musical director Paul Deenik and accompanist Laura Deenik will perform a varied repertoire of songs from stage and screen, as well as a number of Welsh folk tunes.

The 'strings' are provided by the trio Bridge Strings. The Bridgend-based ensemble, led by former school teacher Wesley Keirl have an extensive repertoire; 'from Mozart or Miley Cyrus, Bach or the Beatles, Elgar or Ed Sheeran'; in fact something to please everyone.

Tickets £8, available from Theo's Charity Shop, Bridge Street, Kenfig Hill or by telephoning 01656 665547. Proceeds from the concert will go towards a new heating system for the church.

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Step up for Macmillan walk

YOU are invited to wear one of the familiar green t-shirts and show your support for Macmillan Cancer Support for the Llantrisant Walk.

Last year it was very successful and we want the 2017 event, planned for Sunday, September 10, to be even better, *a spokesperson reports*.

Leading the way will be Derek Brockway, 'Weatherman Walking', and walkers will follow an eight -mile route along footpaths that are wheelchair, pushchair, child and even dog friendly.

This year, when you've picked up your 'goody bag' you'll leave The Llantrisant Leisure Centre at 11am and along the way there'll be entertainment to keep you on the move.

On your return to the leisure centre, you'll get your walk medal and we hope you'll join us for an after- walk party. There'll be a disco, some brilliant singers, bouncy castles (for the kids!) and of course party food.

It's not a race – it's an opportunity for a Sunday stroll with friends while raising funds for Macmillan Cancer Support. Some people will walk for someone special and get sponsorship money in their name. Please join us and make that river of GREEN even longer!

The Llantrisant Walk is hosted by The Pontyclun and District Macmillan fundraising group and MPS Healthcare Ltd is the main sponsor for the 2017 event.

The registration fee is £10, which includes a t-shirt, a goody bag and a Macmillan Walk 2017 medal memento. Children under 12 are free.

To register on line visit the website www.macmillan.org.uk/LlantrisantWalk or for more information check out www.macpontyclun.co.uk.

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Vale AM updates protest group on Biomass response

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Ms Hutt has now updated the local protest group, DIAG, about this response.

Success indeed goes 'beyond the border'

BEYOND The Border (BTB), the international festival of storytelling held every other year at St Donat's Castle, has been honoured at an international award ceremony – in Greece.

The award, 'for serving and contributing with distinction the institution of international storytelling festivals' was made last week at the Mount Pelion Storytelling Festival where BTB's artistic director David Ambrose was presented with the award by Athena Agyopoulou, head of the Pelion Oros Society.

Born in 1993 from the activities of St Donat's Arts Centre, BTB is now established, said a spokesperson, "...as a leading festival in Wales, seeking to create, encourage and promote traditional storytelling for contemporary audiences. The vision is to 'bring the world to Wales, and take Wales to the world'.

"During the 24 years of operation, the festival has grown, reached out across the world and become one of the most highly-regarded festivals of its kind in Europe.

BTB is held every two years, the next one in 2018 being a special 25-year anniversary cele-bration.

Mr Ambrose said: "We're delighted that BTB's work in the promotion of the art of storytelling has received this international recognition."

Princess Royal takes on new role with NCI

THE National Coastwatch Institution (NCI) has been informed by Buckingham Palace that HRH The Princess Royal is, said a spokesperson, "delighted" to give royal patronage to NCI.

There is a local NCI station at Nell's Point on Barry Island, and another in Porthcawl.

An NCI spokesman said: "This is tremendous news for the charity and a great recognition of the contributions and achievements that the NCI makes in ensuring safety around the UK coastline.

"The NCI is a national charity, funded entirely by donations from the public and sponsorship from business.

"Its 2,400 volunteers run 52 stations around the coastline of England and Wales, throughout the year."

Stations report directly to the Maritime and Coastguard Agency and other emergency services, and act as their 'eyes along the coast'."

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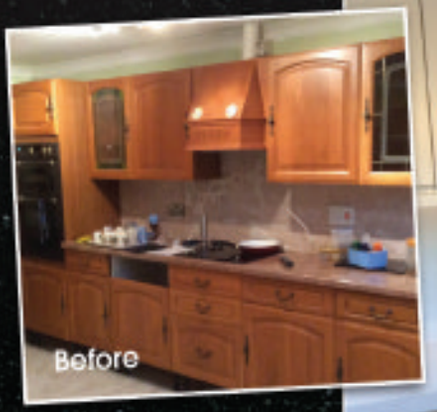

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Search is on for stowaway kitten Willow's owners

Willow on arrival at the centre.

Willow as she is today!
(Photos by Susan Dobbs).

THE driver of an artic lorry had a bit of a shock when he opened the doors of his vehicle at South Wales Wood Recycling, Coity, Bridgend to find an unexpected cargo in the form of a small stowaway kitten.

Fortunately, this is near to the Cats Protection Bridgend Adoption Centre, so not knowing what to do with the little kitten, the driver went there for help.

Sue Dobbs, centre manager said: "The kitten whom we called Willow was in very poor physical condition when she arrived at the centre.

" She collapsed within a few minutes of coming into our care.

"We didn't expect her to survive the trip to the vets, but she is a little fighter and hung on in there.

"An X-ray showed no broken bones, but she was suffering from hypothermia and had sustained a head injury.

Willow is making a good recovery but has been left with some brain damage, we are not sure if it's permanent at this point.

"We are continuing to work with our vets to give her the best possible care, but are anxious to re unite her with her owners."

Jenna Hunt, cat carer, said: "Willow is a little sweetheart who has the loudest purr we have ever heard.

"She was very scared to begin with, but is settling down well. She is slowly regaining her balance and is getting better day by day."

South Wales Wood Recycling have confirmed that the lorry belonged to their company; they believe the kitten got on board in the Bristol area.

Willow is a black female kitten approximately 12 weeks old. Please contact Cats Protection Bridgend on 01656 724396 or email bridgend@cats.org.uk if you think Willow may be your kitten.

AM's update on Biomass

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Ms Hutt said she has updated the local action group DIAG on this response.

AM's surgery

VALE AM Jane Hutt will hold a surgery on September 2 from 10am – 11am at Barry Citizens' Advice Bureau, 119 Broad Street. No appointment necessary.

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Out & About with The GEM

Barry Arts Festival bags trio of opera singers

SOME of Wales' best opera singers will be at Barry's St Mary's Church, Holton Road on Saturday, September 9 as part of the Barry Arts Festival.

Three distinguished soloists – Jess Robinson, Emyr Wyn Jones and Jeff Howard – will be performing together in a programme that includes a repertoire of opera, musical theatre and classical pop.

Jess Robinson won first prize in the recent National Eisteddfod in Anglesey, in the soprano over-25 competition, having graduated from the Royal Welsh College of Music and Drama in 2015, while baritone Emyr Wyn Jones is a finalist in this year's Young Welsh Opera Singer of the Year.

They will be accompanied by Jeff Howard, who conducts the Treorchy Male Voice Choir and the Cambrensis Choir and was responsible for the musical arrangements for last year's Roald Dahl spectacular, the City of the Unexpected, as well as being a longstanding member of staff at the Royal Welsh College of Music and Drama as a vocal coach.

Barry Arts Festival organiser, Dot Connell, known for her own work with local choirs, said it would be a fantastic musical event.

"It is a special occasion to have three performers of the quality of Jess, Emyr and Jeff on the same bill, so we are very pleased to have them accept our invitation to sing together as part of the Barry Arts Festival.

"The audience can expect a programme that ranges from musical showtunes to the Handel, from toe-tappers to classical songs.

"Come along and enjoy!"

Tickets for the event on September 9, beginning at 7:30pm, are £10 and available from Dot Connell on 07982 319456, dot.connell@virgin.net or www.ticketsource.co.uk/barry-arts-festival.

Barry Arts Festival would like to thank Barry Town Council and Newydd Housing Association for their generous sponsorship of this year's festival.

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Soderbergh's big screen return is not so Lucky in flat heist film...

IS retirement all it's cracked up to be? Not if you're Steven Soderbergh; having announced his retirement from directing after *Behind The Candelabra*, Soderbergh softened his stance by helming all the episodes of TV series *The Knick*, before announcing his return to the (cinematic) fray with *Logan Lucky*.

It stars Channing Tatum and Adam Driver as Jimmy and Clyde Logan, brothers who are renowned for their poor luck. When Jimmy is fired from his job, the pair turn to crime, specifically a heist at a NASCAR event.

Using the services of explosives expert Joe Bang (Daniel Craig), having broken him out of prison, the trio attempt to pull off the heist. However, their actions draw the attention of an FBI agent (Hilary Swank) who is determined to catch them...

Given his body of work and the cast assembled for his long-awaited return to the big screen, Steven Soderbergh's *Logan Lucky* should be firing on all cylinders, a film riffing on Soderbergh's blockbuster territory of the *Oceans* films, while also carrying the quirkiness that has pervaded all his work.

Unfortunately, while *Logan Lucky* has its moments, it's a film too underdeveloped to impress, a shaggy dog story where the story just doesn't carry the requisite amount of charm to connect, and while Soderbergh gives the film a shot of energy, it's just not enough.

The film's background is probably more captivating than the film itself in many ways. The credited scriptwriter, Rebecca Blunt, doesn't actually exist, with rumours hinting that it could actually be Soderbergh himself, his wife, or several other people.

Whoever the real writer is, they should have done a better job than what has made it to screen.

What should be a straightforward heist flick is sidetracked with odd subplots involving NASCAR drivers and their sponsors (a bemused Sebastian Stan and a grating Seth McFarlane, getting to grips with an atrocious moustache and an even more atrocious hairpiece), the ramifications of the heist itself and a prison where the warden refuses to acknowledge even the smallest problem.

But what it doesn't do is provide our characters with any great level of motivation for what it is they're doing. Yes, they're down on their luck – the kind of characters films like these love to utilise, but we never get a sense of the greater picture or what they intend to do with their ill-gotten gains.

They're anti-heroes, but without a redeeming reason for us to root for them. Instead, the film just hopes that we find them amusing enough that we can connect with them.

It's not for lack of trying in the performances; Channing Tatum has become something of a Soderbergh muse and yet again, he delivers a solid turn as the family man trying to do the right thing and turning to crime to achieve it. Adam Driver, as his brother, is equally solid, working on the heist at ground level while Tatum's character worries about the finer details.

The ace in the pack comes from Daniel Craig, as explosives expert Joe Bang; bleached blonde hair, southern accent, he's as far away from his usual screen persona as he's ever been, and while his turn may not have much depth, it does provide much of the entertainment.

Indeed, the heist portion of the film smacks of Soderbergh's effortlessly cool and clinical editing work, wonderfully constructed as he slowly and surely eases up the tension.

But the aftermath is a damp squib, spinning off somewhere less expected and a little baffling, attempting to throw a spanner into the lives of those involved, but failing to land.

Hilary Swank's dogged FBI agent is essentially a cameo, and a lacklustre one at that.

It makes sense that Soderbergh would want to subvert his most commercially successful work and try not to raise the ghosts of the Oceans franchise; but *Logan Lucky* lacks that wow factor, feeling like a 2017 redux featuring 'simple-minded folk' rather than career criminals.

It could have been something truly special; instead, it's something truly underwhelming.

VERDICT: Reasonably entertaining before the final third becomes a damp squib, *Logan Lucky* is a flat return to the big screen for Steven Soderbergh.

The cast are decent, the direction strong, but the story just doesn't cut the mustard and needed sharper writing to really click into gear. *Average*.

SEE THIS IF YOU LIKED: *Ocean's 11* (2001), *The Informant!* (2009).

by GARETH JAMIESON
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THE BARRY BEAVERS SAY 'THANK YOU ALL FOR RESOUNDING SUCCESS OF PARTY IN THE PARK'

THIS year's Party in the Park on August 6 at Porthkerry was a resounding success, thanks to the dedication of planning and running of the event by Chris, Cath, Pat and Sarah as well as the rest of the committee involved.

Barry Beavers would like to thank all involved in the planning and running of the event, especially Cath Jones who produced all the props for the event with help from Ffion and Chris over the last couple of weeks, a spokesperson reports.

Also thank you to Emma, who came from Hampshire to help Cath with producing all the props, as well as being able to overlook all the acts who would be performing on the day.

Also along with Helen Lynch she would like to thank Fiona for standing in for her after a mishap, when scalding her hand with onions that were hot, and helping at the barbecue with Donna and Lynda along with Jake (Helen and Rob's nephew) who had cooked vegetarian food on the day.

Other guests were the Blaenau Gwent Otters Swimming Club, Keith Beer, Homework Club, Penmark Scouts, Sunsound and Darren, who played the music on the day along with Louis Davies, Lynette Griffin from Asda, who donated food for the barbecue, Rhoose Library volunteers, friends, family, parents, CJ Travel bus company, and Jane Hutt AM.

Also a big thank you to Porthkerry Country Parks Rangers, who helped make the event possible and helped set up and clear up after the event.

The event kicked off with the Red Arrows fly past over to Barry Island from Rhoose, then the event itself started before 12.30pm.

Calum Savory was the first act to perform playing guitar and singing a rock ballard, along with Keira Dyne on piano.

The entertainment began with sketches by Chris and Sarah turning up in the Tardis to Bedrock (Porthkerry Park) in primitive costume, getting a close encounter from a T-Rex and a croc in the pond, which caused a lot of amusement.

Then Fred Flintstone and Barney Rubble arrived, along with Dino, and they encountered the T-Rex.

There was a music act contest with five different groups (some successful and others not-so-successful acts). They were judged by a panel of judges including Keith, Pat, Sarah, Helen and others.

Unsurprisingly, the two younger acts were the winners as they had put in a lot of time to rehearse (funny girls and cheerleaders); while Kiera Richards performed karaoke.

Later in the event, we had our very first Olympics, which started off with weight lifting, then tug-of-war and hammer throw. Superman (Alfie) also participated in the games.

The club would like to thank everyone who helped make this event possible and who attended making this year's PIP 2 a success.

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It seems a small thing, but this fundraising idea has been a massive success, with an amazing total of almost £30 million raised last year.

A spokeswoman for Macmillan said: "The World's Biggest Coffee Morning is our biggest fundraising event for people facing cancer.

"We ask people all over the UK to host their own coffee mornings and donations on the day are made to Macmillan.

"Last year alone we raised £29.5 million and this year we are aiming to raise even more."

She continued: "The first ever coffee morning happened way back in 1990. It was a rather small affair with a simple idea: guests would gather over coffee and donate the cost of their cuppa to Macmillan in the process.

"It was so effective, we did it again the next year, only this time nationally. Since then, coffee morning has raised over £165.5 million for Macmillan."

Perhaps one reason that the 'World's Biggest Coffee Morning' has become such a massive fundraising success is the support and encouragement given by Macmillan to its fundraisers.

The Macmillan website (see contact details at the end of this piece) is full of sound advice and good ideas.

To pursue their target of topping last year's £29.5 million, Macmillan is excited to be continuing their successful partnership with Marks & Spencer.

The spokeswoman said: "Cake tastes better together... that's why 2017 is our eighth World's Biggest Coffee Morning in partnership with M&S and we're pulling out all the stops to make it even more successful.

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Underlying all the efforts made by Macmillan's army of volunteers, of course, is raison d'etre of the charity – making life more liveable for people dealing with cancer.

The Macmillan spokeswoman said: "There are now 2.5 million people in the UK living with cancer. By 2030, it will be four million people, and we want to be there for them all.

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The ladies from Barry Soroptimists held a Macmillan coffee morning at the Barry Island beach huts last year – and invited Vale MP Alun Cairns.

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The Macmillan spokeswoman continues: "We provide medical, emotional, practical and financial support, as well as campaigning for better cancer care. And because cancer affects more than just those facing it, we're there for friends and family too. We are Macmillan.

Good advice and coffee morning ideas are available from www.http://coffee.macmillan.org.uk

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According to new research, seven in 10 workers aged 55 and over have noticed a deterioration in their hearing over the last ten years.

Commissioned by Starkey Hearing Technologies in collaboration with dispensing stockist Malmo Hearing, which has branches in Bridgend and Newport - and conducted by OnePoll - the survey of 800 working adults, age 55 and over, looked at the impact of hearing loss in the workplace.

To hide their deteriorating hearing from colleagues, almost half of respondents said they would avoid using the telephone and 15 per cent admitted to avoiding phone conversations altogether.

One in five try to get out of meetings and a similar number said they'd shun socialising with colleagues to keep their secret safe.

Almost half of respondents said they wouldn't wear a hearing aid because they believe them to not look good.

Over a quarter were put off by perceptions of looking old and 14 per cent believed they would look less able and professional.

Mike Sully says that a state-of-the-art hearing system has transformed his life.

Audiologist Kim Spargo, from Malmo Hearing, said: "Over five million Brits – or one in six of the employed population – experience hearing loss at work. Statistics show the professional lives of almost half could be improved just by wearing hearing technology – but only one in five does."

One local man who knows the difference taking action can make is Mike Sully.

Mike said: " I have worked in the NHS for over 37 years in a variety of roles, mainly on the switchboard at the Princess of Wales.

"I am 58 this year and recently retired from the full-time switchboard role. I now provide part-time support on the same switchboard, but I could not have considered that without investing in better hearing technology.

"I have worn hearing aids for 15 years and when I received a lump sum on retirement, I knew where I was going to spend some of the money. On a state of the art pair!

"When I look back, I know I have struggled with the hearing aids I had at work. Noisy situations were hopeless, having to ask people to repeat themselves all the time, and forever adjusting the hearing aids as I moved about.

"When I got the chance to review my hearing aids I went to a number of other audiologists before choosing to work with Kim Spargo, from Malmo Hearing in Bridgend.

"I spoke with her about concerns around wearing my current hearing aids, how they looked so big and cumbersome, really meant for people much older than me.

"I also explained that the head set I had to wear as a switchboard operator had never sat comfortably over the hearing aids and I got repeated feedback which gave me a lot of trouble with calls.

"Kim recommended a Starkey Muse i1600 CIC set of hearing devices and I honestly can't believe the difference in sound quality and how much easier the switchboard job has become.

"I have got control over background noise so I can adjust the devices when I am in a noisy bar, for example, I can just tune it out with a remote in my pocket.

"I can control the weather, tuning out high winds – which used to whistle terribly and drive me mad. My friends now say I am so content in bad weather I live in a different weather system to them!

"I was actually born with cataracts, so I had two implants fitted a few years ago which changed my life for the better, including suddenly being able to drive.

"I equate that feeling with what my new Muse hearing aids have done for me since February this year. I am pretty sure I probably would not have gone for the part-time switchboard role, but it's great to be still working and enjoying a new-found world of clarity which I can control.

"The whole Muse technology also helps me when I am working as a volunteer press officer at Tondu RFC. They play in Division One of the Welsh National Leagues and are a feeder club for the Ospreys.

"I have been doing match reports for press agencies for as long as I can remember. I work with my good friend, NHS colleague and photographer Gareth Anthony, who takes the shots to go with them.

"My interaction with those agencies is now as clear as a bell – and they have commented positively on it. I have renewed confidence and energy – it has taken years off me in terms of appetite for life – as I knew it would."

Sew Lovely sewing classes feature in Penarth open day

ON Saturday, August 26, Sew Lovely, Penarth family business (and previous winner of Sew Magazine's Best Haberdashery in Wales) held an open day at their new workshop – the Sew Lovely Makery.

Sewists, beginners and skilled crafters alike, sampled the Sew Lovely experience at the business's spacious, vintage-inspired second home; alongside the haberdashery branch in Penarth town centre, the Makery now hosts a huge range of classes on Tennyson Road.

The open day had a high turnout, with a bustling atmosphere and creativity abounding. Guests of all ages enjoyed chatting to tutors, who ran demos in free-motion embroidery, hand and machine sewing, crochet, and patchwork.

The on-site shop also proved popular, taking many bookings for upcoming autumn and Christmas classes.

More information on Sew Lovely at sewlovelypenarth.com

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Tax advice for older people

A TOP income tax surgery will offer free professional advice to older people on restricted incomes, with income tax queries and/or problems.

This will take place at Roz Couzens' Chiropody Surgery, Unit 4, Commercial House, Commercial Street, Llantwit Major (CF61 1RB) on Monday, September 4 from 10am until midday.

Home visits can be arranged via 0845 6013321 if necessary.

Advice at Age Connects

IF you are over 50 and affected by cancer, possibly looking for support, Age Connects Cardiff run a service: 'Cancer in The Older Person', an advocacy which can help with one-to-one support in many ways, including accompanying you to medical appointments, listening, help with form filling, assistance in what practical and financial help is available etc.

A session will be held on Tuesday, September 5 from 10am to 12pm at Age Connects Cardiff and Vale Senior Health Shop, 38 Holton Road Barry.

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Houses, streets and roads in Merthyr Dovan and Barry Dock 1885-95 PART 4

LOCAL HISTORIAN LAURIE OWEN CONTINUES HIS FASCINATING SERIES ON THE GROWTH OF BARRY AROUND THE TURN OF THE CENTURY.

ONCE the Barry Docks Bill was given Royal Assent in 1884, Wenvoe Estate land greatly increased in value.

Royalties would come from the Docks Company and on their land would be built the cemetery, churches, schools, hospitals, reservoirs, the gasworks, playing fields, allotments and eventually the Town Hall.

Prior to that event, farms included Highlight, Brynhill, Colcot, White, Buttrills, Rectory, Holton, Gibbonsdown, Witchill and Brooks. The old 'highways' from Stumpy Hall via Merthyr Dovan and Crossway; from Coldcot via Fellonsway and Holton Farm; from Cadoxton Common, came together at the Buttrills then went south to the villages of 'Holton Fawr and Fach'. Another came from Weston, below Maes-y-Cwm Wood and one from east Barry to Holton.

In the 1889 School Board election, candidates from Cadoxton were listed as 'Barry Dock Town', causing great confusion for residents, as well hindering my own research. Months later, the Docks Company suggested to the Local Board that Cadoxton Station be called East Barry and Barry Station be renamed West Barry, but thankfully, common sense prevailed.

Cadoxton was the largest village and east Barry had 300 houses built in the first few years, but 'Holton' was destined to be the hub, linking the three districts which would be called Barry.

In 1891, there were a few houses on the south side of Crogan Hill and John Jewel Williams was resident at 'Tynewydd House'. Further west was Buttrills Farm and House, where the Rev Sims, a friend of William Wilberforce, had once lived, but the rest was mainly open fields and Newlands Wood, with no development to the north.

Going up Holton Road on the left, houses in Evans, Spencer and Richard Streets were being let at 6s a week and for sale at £150/170 by July 1889. Seven years later, 2, 3, and 4 Spencer Street were on offer at £132.10s. Dr. Treharne, in his new residence at 1 Belle Vue Terrace by December, had opened a surgery in August at the home of a Mrs Clarke of 1 Evans Street, Williams' Field.

Lombard and Regent Streets were soon populated and 61 plots in Newland Street were let in just one day – a 21st century estate agent's paradise. In September 1893 there was some debate over naming the 'extension of Newland Street'. The Wenvoe Castle Estate wanted to call it 'Laura Place' (Laura Frances Birch married Lord of the Manor Robert Francis Lascelles Jenner in 1873), but 20/30 property owners objected, preferring either Newland Crescent or Woodland Road and the latter name was agreed.

In February 1894, plans were passed for the Barry Dock Land Syndicate to build 54 houses in Beryl Street and three were being sold two years later for £175, with tenants paying weekly rents of 9s.

The following year, the Holton Building Estate Company were meant to build 51 houses in Kendrick Road, but for some reason they were delayed for several years.

On the eastern side of Tynewydd Road was a quarry and lime kiln and although the Barry Dock Town Syndicate named two new streets Maes-y-cwm and Crossways (later renamed Wyndham) in May 1892, no houses were built there or in Evelyn, Cora and Watson Streets within the timeline of this story.

To the north east of Holton and Court Roads in November 1889 the Barry Dock Land Syndicate, with influential directors including Phillip Morel, J Pyke Thompson and Colonel Guthrie, began work on about 30 acres near the police station: 500 villas, shops and warehouses were planned and Cardiff contractor Richard Smith announced that 200 plots had already been taken in one week.

Most importantly, they had already been connected to the Wenvoe Castle sewer at a cost of £5,000. The following month, the syndicate acquired the 75 acres of Brooks Farm from Richard Bassett, with some plots reserved for places of worship and houses in Station, Graving Dock, Castleand, Pyke (rental 9s), Morel, Brook and Bassett Streets (6/8s).

Formerly of Bonvilstone, Richard Bassett lived near Newbury and was a JP and deputy Lieutenant of Glamorgan who also owned Biglis Farm, but then after a long illness, he died in 1891 aged 70.

Directors of this syndicate were Philip Morel, who was born in Jersey but came to Cardiff to seek his fortune at the age of 20 in 1862. He was later joined by his brother Thomas and together they became shipowners and iron ore importers, until by 1890 they owned and managed 36 ships at Cardiff.

Thomas was active in Cardiff as an Alderman and Mayor before being knighted in 1899. Both brothers served as JPs and Thomas died at just 56 in 1903, followed five years later by 67-year-old Philip.

James Pyke Thompson was another director, who had begun working with his father Charles in 1864, managing the 'Spillers' flour mills in Cardiff. As an art connoisseur/collector, he built the 'Turner House' gallery in Penarth in 1888 and made large donations to the National Museum. Following his sudden death in 1897, aged just 51, Cardiff Museum opened the Pyke Thompson Room filled with his watercolour collection, bequeathed in his will.

Businessmen often receive bad press in their desire to amass huge fortunes, but this gentleman wanted his art collection to be seen by everyone.

The other director was Lieutenant Colonel John Guthrie JP, a shipbroker/owner and director of both the Barry Docks and Graving Dock Companies, who died in 1901 aged 72. Although these three men were responsible for the development of a major part of this district, it was significant that they all lived in Penarth and served as magistrates together.

It was reported in 1892 that Pyke Street had a great number of houses with Welsh names such as Bryn-y-Mor, Brynawel, Emlyn and Tyllwyd, prompting another reader to mention politics with Gladstone and Granville.

From the Bassett on the south side of Holton Road, houses were built in Robert (H&C water bath 9s), Burlington (9s), Jewel and Morgan Streets. Architects Richards & Gethin registered three new streets near Holton Road to be named Thomas, Robert and Darlington, but two of them did not materialise.

The Coigne Terrace Building Company built 16 houses therein in 1891 and in the following year was voluntarily wound up, citing the depressed state of the district, with many empty houses. Men working in Barry, often preferred to live in Penarth or Cardiff, as Holton was 'reeking with excrement and filth', making living conditions unpleasant, with sheep and horses roaming and packs of dogs running wild.

In November 1893 the new road from the Bassett to the Dock was named Jewel Street and a house was built for J Sydenham, but the Castle Hotel was still five years away.

John Jewel Williams, the Devon-born hotelier at the Royal Hotel, was a highly respected member of the Local Board for eight years from 1888-96. It was not widely known that he was a veteran hero of the Crimean and Indian Wars, serving as a Royal Artillery Officer and the holder of three war medals. When he died in 1912 he was living at Cadoxton House.

George, Castleand, Graving Dock, Station, and Cross Streets, led to Kingsland Crescent where in 1891, JC Meggitt donated a cottage for the first hospital at number 34. A reader of the Barry Dock News was pleased to record the quality of houses in this crescent and in Travis Street.

Lower down Holton Road on the south side Merthyr, Gueret, Travis, Sydenham, Fryatt, Thompson and Greenwood Streets were already populated, with rents from 5s.9d to 6s.6d.

In 1890, there were 53 master builders working in Cadoxton and Barry, as well as many more working alone.

Greenwood Cottage Company built 16 houses in that street; Mr Hind built 46 houses for £6,003 in Wood Street (later Merthyr Street) for the Holton Land & Building Company and two were later sold for £120 each; Victoria Cottage Company had plans in 1889 to erect 50 workmen's cottages in Wood Street; Holton (Barry) Syndicate leased five acres at Holton from the Wenvoe Estate, to be let in plots with nine or 10 builders already on site; Kingsland Crescent Building Company took 71 plots adjoining the Barry Dock Hotel; Maxwell Building Club, 28 houses in Pyke Street.

Regulating builders in those first few years must have been a nightmare, when 157 plans were presented and passed at one meeting, including: 16 shops and 12 houses in Holton Road plus 34 shops for Messrs. Jones, Lewis and Williams; 10 in Graving Dock, 12 in Station, six in Castleand, another 14 in Station Street, five near the police station, 34 in Morel, 18 cottages in Guthrie and 18 in Travis Street.

With houses going up piecemeal, it is a wonder that streets ever ended up with houses lined up in a neat and orderly fashion.

Plans for shops in Thompson Street were passed in 1890: 46 for Roberts and Lewis; six for Sydenham and two blocks of houses for Thomas Sydenham.

Thompson Street was the direct route for seamen from the Docks to Holton and with cafes, restaurants and bars, all the ingredients for trouble and strife were in place. With money to spend, prostitutes lined up to satisfy their needs and the area soon gained a worldwide reputation as a place of ill-repute. Gueret Street in particular was at the heart of the problem, with properties being let to 'undesirables' who opened brothels and 'shebeens' (unregulated drinking dens), which inevitably led to fights and all things immoral.

It was said that constables would not venture into the area alone and a resident described how the area had been 'converted into the most unhallowed haunts of vice and degradation'.

Following a serious fire in 1895, an owner agreed to eject the 'baddies', repair and upgrade his many houses in the street and then later make them available to working-class people to buy at £120 or to rent from 5 to10s a week. The council seized the opportunity to help cleanse the area by renaming it Hirwaun Street, in the hope that its bad name would soon fade.

Louis Jean Baptiste Gueret was born in France in 1844 and crossed the Channel to make his fortune. He became a colliery proprietor and steamship owner, founded a coal exporting and patent fuel manufacturing business and was an original director of both the Barry Docks and Graving Dock Companies. He died a very wealthy man in 1908.

Thompson Street had always been a muddy lane into which the tide flowed, but by February 1894, a reader was pleased to report that he no longer needed sea-boots to get from the dock to Holton, via Thompson and Gueret Street.

Thomas Roe Thompson was born in Durham and was a ship broker in Cardiff by 1871, before becoming a shipowner and director of both the Barry Docks and the Graving Dock Companies.

All the men featured in this story became very wealthy because of their links to coal, ships and property. They rightly had streets named after them in recognition of their contributions to this new community, but it must have been galling for the last two, having their names linked to so much bad publicity.

As teenagers in the late 1950s, brought up on tales of its past notoriety, we dared to walk down Thompson to Travis Street one evening and there on the corner 'looking for business', was the best-known lady of the night. Needless to say we made a hasty exit, even though we had the comfort of numbers.

A short time later, as a young taxi driver, the most frightening fare you could be asked to find was in the 'Chain Locker' of the Barry Dock Hotel. The Royal and Vic were like the 'Wild West', but the Locker still had its aura from years gone by.

Whether new public roads such as Buttrills, Holton, Tynewydd and Court should be 40 or 60 feet-wide was the subject of endless debate and decisions would be deferred time and again.

The footpath from Court Road to Holton was in a shocking state in December 1889, but the new road was still some time away. In October 1891, the roads to the main police station from Cadoxton via Weston Hill and from Barry Road were opened. TA Walker, the Docks contractor had built the County Police Station at Holton Road in 1886.

Roadmen were paid 3s.6d a day and four years later this was increased to £1.2s a week for the first year, then 1s more in the following two years and £1.4s thereafter. Sensing an opportunity, the steamroller driver pointed out that in Cardiff the wage was £1.12s.6d., but his request for an increase of 2s.6d was refused.

On 'Crogan Hill', disgraceful scenes were reported of coffins falling off the back of funeral carts, but it was 1895 before Master Builder Frank Small from Taunton, finally won the contract to upgrade this road.

The Public Works Committee agreed to maintain the old footpaths from Crogan Hill past Tynewydd to the Buttrills and Barry; from Buttrills to Colcot Farm and Merthyr Dovan; Felon's Way to Port Road; Colcot Arms to Highlight Cross; Merthyr Dovan near White Farm to Bryn Hill.

At a public inquiry in December 1892, the Board clerk JA Hughes reported that with a population around 15,000 in 3,200 houses, over an area of 3,383 acres, it was time that a main road was constructed from Cardiff to the west. The old highway from the north of Porthkerry via Cwmciddy, Colcot and Wenvoe was still the only route and landowners had agreed to a 40 feet wide road.

However, Port Road had still not been upgraded by September 1914.

In February 1894 the surveyor was asked to report on a 40-foot road from Orchard Street, Little Holton to the Buttrills, but it would be two more years before its completion, just in time for the opening of the new Intermediate School.

The decision was made in September 1895 for a 50-foot road from Barry Road down to Holton, but tenders to 'form and metal' Tynewydd Road were not sought for another six months.

Although outside the scope of this story, in January 1899 a debate occurred regarding a proposed 70-feet main road through the centre of the district from Weston Square, via Love's Quarry, crossing Court Road at the rear of Woodland Road to join Holton Road near Barry Brewery. From the quarry to Broad Street would likely cost £12,244, with the council paying £7,687 and the Wenvoe Castle Estate, Woodland Estate Company and the Barry Dock Town Syndicate together paying £4,557.

JC Meggitt was not an admirer of syndicates, referring to them as "the greatest curse of the town" and only interested in money.

After a long and lively debate, Gladstone Road was defeated in a vote which required a two thirds majority, but the portion from the quarry just below Cadoxton Court to Court Road near the slaughter house, was completed for about £6,000.

Then later, E Osmond of Ely laid the section from Court Road to Broad Street for £4,519.17s.7d., but some cottages in Weston Street and Courtenay Road were still being demolished in July 1901 to enable the completion of that main thoroughfare.

A Local Government Board inquiry in May 1902 sanctioned the widening of the road from Holton Farm to Colcot Farm (near the Colcot Arms) at a cost of £4,328 and from there on to Port Road for a further £2,222.

Barry Island was owned at the time by Lord Windsor and was accessible at low tide across the causeway. Although plans for three houses and a shop were passed for S Trigg in July 1893, it was two years later before 16 more houses were approved. The new Marine Hotel opened in the summer of 1893, with visitors arriving by ferry from the Ship Inn, by sea to the pier, or on foot at low tide.

Howell's GCSEs show girls moving towards science

Mrs Davies and Sophie Evans.

Anesha Hamood and Tahlia Morgan-Rose.

AT Howell's School, Llandaff, Cardiff, staff were delighted when 61 per cent of all GCSE grades were at A* or A, but it was in the STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) subjects that the girls excelled.

In biology, 69 per cent of all students gained A*-A; in chemistry 73 per cent of the grades were A*-A; 58 per cent of students taking physics gained A*-A grade; and it was 59 per cent A*-A in mathematics.

Nearly 60 per cent of the girls gained A*-A in English Language and 61 per cent A*-A in English Literature.

Principal Sally Davis said: "I am delighted for our girls, who have all done so well in their GCSEs this year, and have excelled in the STEM subjects.

"It is wonderful that so many of them will be continuing with mathematics and science subjects when they start their A-Level studies at Howell's College next term.

"They may be the first generation able to end the hugely uneven mix of boys and girls going into STEM-related careers.

"To achieve this we, as a society, need to avoid sending out the message that some activities and careers are 'not for girls' or 'not for boys'.

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Class 74: Small Hunter, Mare Or Gelding, Four Years Old Or Over, Exceeding 148Cm, But Not Exceeding 158cm: 1st Mr Matt McGivern, Odyn Foel Farm, Pantlasau, Morriston (Swifts Mayflower, Chelsea Thomas).

The Principality Building Society Perpetual Challenge Cup (Winner Of Class 74): Mr Matt McGivern, Odyn Foel Farm (Swifts Mayflower, Chelsea Thomas).

Class 75: Lightweight Hunter, Mare Or Gelding, Four Years Old Or Over, Capable Of Carrying 12 Stone 7lb and Under: 1st Sue Hookham, The Cottage, Whitewall Stables, Magor (Revenge, Matt Ainsworth); 2nd Ceri Simpson; 3rd Mrs Amy Tough (Dartens In Clover).

Class 76: Middleweight Hunter, Mare Or Gelding Four Years Old And Over, Capable Of Carrying 12 Stone 7lbs Not Exceeding 14 Stone: 1st Emma Gibson, Stable Cottage, West Town House, Bristol (State Of Play II, Emma Gibson); 2nd Sue Williams, Hendrew Farm, Llandevaud, Newport, Gwent, (Because Your Worth It, Miss Amy Williams); 3rd Mrs Rose Morgan, Pen Y Bont Farm, Kidwelly (Main Man, Rose Morgan).

Class 77: Heavyweight Hunter, Mare Or Gelding, Four Years Old Or Over, Capable Of Carrying 14 Stone And Over: 1st Emma Gibson, Stable Cottage (Action T, Emma Gibson); 2nd Mr Matt McGivern, Odyn Foel Farm (Racino Casino, Matt McGivern).

Championship and 2H The Classic Windows Perpetual Challenge Trophy: Emma Gibson, Stable Cottage (State Of Play II, Emma Gibson); reserve Sue Hookham, The Cottage (Revenge, Matt Ainsworth).

Class 78: Open Local Hunter, four years old and over (need not be registered with the Society) to be confined to horses resident within a 20 mile radius of the Showground: 1st Mr John Llewellyn, Newlands Farm (Hugo, Miss Lucy Llewellyn); 2nd Stephanie Llewellyn, Old Beaupre Farm, St Mary Church, Cowbridge, (Laharden Ben, Mrs Stephanie Llewellyn); 3rd Serena James, 4 Parkview Cottages (Bluebell View, Serena James).

The Dan Radcliffe Perpetual Challenge Cup (Winner of class 78): Mr John Llewellyn Newlands Farm (Hugo, Miss Lucy Llewellyn).

Class 79 – Open Working Hunter, four years old and over exceeding 148cms. Mare or gelding: 1st Sarah Robson (Dartens in Clover, Mrs Amy Tough); 2nd Charles Morgan, Blaencwm, Llandyfaelog, Carms (Cruising On, Charles Morgan); 3rd Sarah Sargeant, 2 Broadlands, Sutton Road, Llandow, Cowbridge (By Design, Miss Sarah Sargeant).

The Bridgend Glazing & Silvering Co. Ltd Perpetual Challenge Trophy (Winner of class 79): Sarah Robson (Dartens in Clover, Mrs Amy Tough).

Class 80 – Novice Local Working Hunter four years old and over (need not be registered with the Society) to be confined to horses resident within a 20 miles radius of the Showground. Horse must not have won 1st or 2nd place in a county show: 1st Rhiannon Thomas, Flemingston Court, Flemingston (Charlestown Backchat, Mrs Rhiannon Thomas); 2nd Sarah Sargeant, Llandow (By Design, Miss Sarah Sargeant); 3rd Nicola McNabb, as rider (Shake It Out, Miss Nicola McNabb).

Class 81 – RoR Tattersalls Show Series Qualifier: 1st Mr Matt McGivern, Odyn Foel Farm (Eight Palms, Matt McGivern); 2nd MRS MARYANNE THOMAS, NEWTON CROFT, NEWTON (TOSTAKY, ALICIA THOMAS); 3rd MARGARET JOHNS, PENCNWL FARM, CASTLEMORRIS (BILLYBO, CLAIRE GRIFFITHS).

The Louise Birkett Commemorative Perpetual Challenge Cup (Winner of class 81): MR MATT MCGIVERN, ODYN FOEL FARM, (EIGHT PALMS, MATT MCGIVERN.)

Class 82 – RoR TBA Challenge Show Series Qualifier: 1st JO LLEWELLYN, 28 GREENWOOD CLOSE, COYCHURCH (VICTOR MERLYN, JO LLEWELLYN; 2nd Owner Rider (Freddie Lane, Miss Bethany Jarvis); 3rd Mrs SH Hamer, Cwr y Waun, Llangadog, Carms, (No Time To Chat, Miss Helena Hamer).

The Late Thomas Jenkins Perpetual Challenge Cup (Winner of class 82): JO LLEWELLYN, COYCHURCH (VICTOR MERLYN, JO LLEWELLYN).

Class 83 – Ladies' Side Saddle: 1st MRS PA YEOMAN, RHOSWEN, COITY (BONDEIGH SEREN FACH, SUSAN DAVIES; 2nd GEMMA ROBERTS, PWLL Y FELIN FARM, GLYNOGWR (TOUCH DIAMOND, MISS GEMMA ROBERTS); 3rd Sue Williams, Hendrew Farm (Because Your Worth It, Miss Amy Williams).

The Great House Perpetual Challenge Vase (Winner of class 83): MRS PA YEOMAN, RHOSWEN (BONDEIGH SEREN FACH).

Class 84 – Open Riding Horse: 1st SUE HOOKHAM, THE COTTAGE, WHITEWALL STABLES, MAGOR (REVELATION, MATT AINSWORTH): 2nd PJ BERTORELLI, PENCOED FARM, BRYNCETHIN (CHAKRAVARTI, VICTORIA BERTORELLI): 3rd VICTORIA PIPER, LOUGHER MOOR, LLANTWIT MAJOR (PRIMITIVE SHADOW, VICTORIA PIPER).

The John & Sarah Cory Perpetual Challenge Cup (Winner of class 84): SUE HOOKHAM, THE COTTAGE (REVELATION, MATT AINSWORTH).

Class 85 – Open Cob, including Maxi Cobs, Mare or Gelding, four years old and over, exceeding 148cms and not exceeding 155cms to be ridden. Rider any age: 1st SIMON JONES, CWMDU GANOL FARM, GARTH (HIGHBURY PHOENIX, SIMON JONES); 2nd Emma Edwards, Nant Mwth Farm, (Al Capone The Second, Mrs Emma Edwards); 3rd Wayne Isaac and Emma Edwards, Nant Mwth Farm, (Corona, Mrs Emma Edwards).

The Mr & Mrs Christopher Cory Perpetual Challenge Trophy (Winner of class 85): SIMON JONES, CWMDU GANOL FARM, GARTH (HIGHBURY PHOENIX, SIMON JONES).

Class 86 – Working Show Horse. Open to hacks, cobs, maxi cobs and riding horses (mare or gelding) 4 years old and over exceeding 148cms: 1st JO LLEWELLYN, COYCHURCH (VICTOR MERLYN, JO LLEWELLYN): 2nd Nicola McNabb, as rider (Shake It Out, Miss Nicola McNabb): 3rd PJ BERTORELLI, PENCOED FARM (CHAKRAVARTI, VICTORIA BERTORELLI).

Class 87 – The BSPS Mixed Height Novice Working Hunter Ponies/Intermediate WH: 1st Mrs Marion Holder (Brillview Quelle Surprise, Miss Grace Gardner).

The Snaffles Perpetual Challenge Cup (winner of class 87): Mrs Marion Holder (Brillview Quelle Surprise, Miss Grace Gardner).

Class 88 – The BSPS Mixed Height Open Working Hunter Ponies/Intermediate WH: MRS PAT FAULKENER, BRIDGE FARM, CRUCORNEY (KILMORE PRINCE CHARMING, BONNIE PROBERT PRICE).

The Glamorgan GEM Perpetual Challenge Trophy (winner of class 88): MRS PAT FAULKENER, BRIDGE FARM (KILMORE PRINCE CHARMING, BONNIE PROBERT PRICE).

Working Hunter Pony Championship: MRS PAT FAULKENER, BRIDGE FARM (KILMORE PRINCE CHARMING, BONNIE PROBERT PRICE); Reserve Mrs Marion Holder (Brillview Quelle Surprise, Miss Grace Gardner).

Class 89 – BSPS Heritage Mountain & Moorland Open Lead Rein mare or gelding, 4 years old and over: 1st SE BIGLEY,C/O REDLAND FARM, BONVILSTON (WAIT WITH WILD APRICOT); 2nd MR WH WALTERS, TIRMYNYDD, BIRCHGROVE, Swansea (ZONNEWEIDE DIAMOND JUBILEE); 3rd MRS PAT FAULKENER, BRIDGE FARM (CEFNGORWEDD SIONI).

Class 90 – BSPS Heritage Mountain & Moorland First Ridden Mare or Gelding, 4 years old and over, not exceeding 128cm: 1st MRS PAT FAULKENER, BRIDGE FARM (HOPE GHOSTS LITTLE BOY, BONNIE PROBERT PRICE); 2nd MRS KEELEY HEWITT (FLO, MISS ALEXANDRA FENNER); 3rd SERENA JAMES, 4 PARKVIEW COTTAGES (WITRO CASHMERE, CLAIRE BROWN).

Mountain & Moorland Champion

15H MT Morgan Cup To The Winner of the Championship SE BIGLEY, C/O REDLAND FARM, BONVILSTON (WAIT WITH WILD APRICOT; Reserve MRS PAT FAULKENER, BRIDGE FARM (HOPE GHOSTS LITTLE BOY, BONNIE PROBERT PRICE).

Class 91 – BSPS Heritage Mountain & Moorland Open Ridden Class. Registered pure bred Welsh Section A & B ponies 4 years old or over. Riders any age: 1st SERENA JAMES, 4 PARKVIEW COTTAGES (WITRO CASHMERE, CLAIRE BROWN); 2nd MRS PAT FAULKENER, BRIDGE FARM (HOPE GHOSTS LITTLE BOY, BONNIE PROBERT PRICE); 3rd MRS KEELEY HEWITT, (LITTLE MISS MUFFETT, SERENA JAMES).

Class 92 – BSPS Heritage Mountain & Moorland Open Ridden Class. Registered pure bred Welsh Section C & D ponies 4 years old or over. Riders any age: 1st JC DAVIES, DEWICWRT STUD, LLANDEWI COURT, ABERGAVENNY (HAFODYRYNYS BRAVEHEART, JACKIE DAVIES); 2nd MISS I LLOYD THOMAS, RHYDSARN CAPEL SEION, ABERYSTWYTH (TYRLLAWN MASTER CLASS, IOLA LLOYD HUGHES); 3rd Sadie Robertson, 9 Coldbrook Road West, Barry, (Parc Twm Shanco, Miss Shannon Close).

Mountain & Moorland Champion

16h Mrs GR Lewis Challenge Cup for the Winner of the Championship: JC DAVIES, DEWICWRT STUD (HAFODYRYNYS BRAVEHEART, JACKIE DAVIES) .

Mountain & Moorland Champion

17h J Pendock Porter Challenge Cup to the Winner of the Championship.

Class 93 – Open Youngstock Qualifier. 1, 2 or 3 years old. No foals: 1st DENISE DAVID, 22 CRAWSHAY PARK, LLANTWIT MAJOR (HOPGArdEN RONALDO; 2nd RACHEL MORGANS, 17 CADWGAN rd, CRAIG CEFN PARC, CLYDACH (HOLLYLAND ACE OF HEARTS, RACHEL MORGANS).

18h Summerhaze Perpetual Challenge Cup

Class 94 – Open In-hand Qualifier. Any height, age or type. No foals: 1st Claire Deren, West View, (Ruby's lass, Miss Leila Deren); 2nd NAOMI CLATWORTHY, 25 GLYN LLAN, BLACKMILL (NOBBY, ELLA CLATWORTHY); 3rd MRS R ROYLE, SUMMIT VIEW, PENYLAN (CASTELLFRYN MALACHITE).

Class 95 – Open Ridden Qualiifer. Any type, and height: 1st WH WILLIAMS & SON, DOLAU IFAN DDU FARM, BLACKMILL (ABBEYLANDS PICASSO, TRACEY BERTORELLI); 2nd S Trusler (Rostor Jaegermeister, Mrs Amy Tough); 3rd ROBERT LUKE, SELVEDGE FARM, CLARBETSON rd, HAVERFORDWEST (MISSISIPPI MUD PIE, ROBERT LUKE).

Coloured Championship

20h M & S Cuddy Perpetual Challenge Trophy: WH WILLIAMS & SON, DOLAU IFAN DDU FARM (ABBEYLANDS PICASSO, TRACEY BERTORELLI).

Class 96 – Welsh Mountain Pony Yearling: 1st Mrs CA Owen (Crumpwell Blue Opal 174998, Mrs Catherine Owen); 2nd K & J SHEIL, TY ISAF, LLANGYNOG (DUKESHILL PHOEBE); 3rd DR WYNNE AND DAVID DAVIES (CEULAN CAZIB).

Class 97 – Welsh Mountain Pony, 2 or 3 years old: 1st Catherine Owen (Crumpwell Blue Ruby), Mrs Catherine Owen; 2nd MARTYN DAVID, CHASE FARM, FRAMPTON (BRIOLEN CINDY) 3rd DAVID HUW FRANCIS, CEFN GORWYDD FARM, GOWERTON (CEFN GORWEDD MAGGIE MAY).

Class 98 – Novice Welsh Mountain Pony Brood Mare 4 years old or over that has never won a First Prize in a Brood Mare Class: 1st DAVID HUW FRANCIS, CEFN GORWYDD FARM (CWMMEUDWY LODES): 2nd MR & MRS DONATI, MILWAS HOUSE, GROES FAEN (PENLLYN CAMEO).

Class 99 – Welsh Mountain Pony, Mare or Gelding, 4 years old or over: 1st K & J SHEIL, TY ISAF, LLANGYNOG (DUKESHILL PIQUANTE); 2nd WK HUGHES, BRYN ODYN, 2 DUNVANT rd, THREE CROSSES (BRYN ODYN SUSANNAH); 3rd Arwel Edwards 10 Brynceunant Brynamman Ammanford Carmarthenshire SA18 1AH (Hope holly, Mr Arwel Edwards).

Class 100 – Welsh Mountain Pony Foal: 1st S ROBERTS, CARTREF, PENCOEDCAE (Ffordd DDU GIOVANI); 2nd MR & MRS DONATI, MILWAS HOUSE (MILWAS CALON HAF).

Class 101 – Welsh Mountain Pony Stallion, 4 years old or over: 1st DR WYNNE AND DAVID DAVIES (YSSELVLIEDTS IRRESISTIBLE); 2nd Catherine Owen (Brynrodyn Bedwyr 68833, Mrs Catherine Owen); 3rd MRS S SMITH, TY ARY GRAIG, BETTWS (CAEBANDI DEWI SANT, MORGAN SMITH).

Welsh Mountain Ponies Championship in Section A

The Penllyn Perpetual Challenge Cup for the Best animal in Section 'A': K & J SHEIL, TY ISAF, LLANGYNOG (DUKESHILL PIQUANTE); Reserve DR WYNNE AND DAVID DAVIES (YSSELVLIEDTS IRRESISTIBLE).

The Brynheulog Perpetual Challenge Cup for the best Welsh Mountain Pony Mare: K & J SHEIL, TY ISAF, LLANGYNOG (DUKESHILL PIQUANTE); Reserve DAVID HUW FRANCIS, CEFN GORWYDD FARM (CWMMEUDWY LODES).

The Lyndon Evans Memorial Perpetual Challenge Trophy for the best Welsh Mountain Pony 3 years old or over: Catherine Owen (Crumpwell Blue Ruby, Mrs Catherine Owen); Reserve DR WYNNE AND DAVID DAVIES (CEULAN CAZIB).

Class 102 – Welsh Pony Yearling: 1st SERENA JAMES, 4 PARKVIEW COTTAGES (GIGMAN JERABOAM, SERENA JAMES); 2nd SUE EASTON, 5 CURWEN TERRACE, TONMAWR rd, PONTRHYDYFEN (GIGMAN SOPHIA); 3rd MR WH WALTERS, TIRMYNYDD, BIRCHGROVE, SWANSEA (LINKSBURY MYSTERIOUS GIRL) – 675 SUE EASTON, PONTRHYDYFEN (GIGMAN ON THE RAZZ).

Class 103 – Welsh Pony, 2 or 3 years old: 1st D & M Townsend, Coed-y-Gwaelod Farmhouse, Croesyceiliog, Cwmbran, NP44 2BY (Gigman Queen of Jazz, Miss Michelle Townsend); 2nd MRS JUNE MARSH, 66 WOODLANDS rd, BEDDAU (JULA GOLDEN LIGHT); 3rd LAURA EVANS, SMOKEYCOTT STUD, NORTH CORNELLY (GIGMAN LOIS LANE).

Class 104 – Welsh Pony, Mare or Gelding 4 years old or over: 1st MISS F LEADBITTER, BWLCH GWYN FARM, YSTRADOWEN (CWRT Y CADNO CYFRINACH); 2nd Mrs Gail Butler, Bryn Glas, Maendy (Penway Perl); 3rd MR DR MORGAN & MISS HJ MORGAN, CAE ELLYN FARM, ABERDARE (ROSEDALE BLACK GOLD, HANNAH MORGAN).

Class 105 – Welsh Pony Foal: 1st MISS F LEADBITTER, BWLCH GWYN FARM (THORNBERRY MAY TIME); 2nd MISS F LEADBITTER, BWLCH GWYN FARM (THORNBERRY LET'S DANCE).

Class 106 – Welsh Pony Stallion, 4 years old or over: No entries.

Welsh Ponies Championship in Section B

The Thornberry Perpetual Challenge Trophy for the Best animal in Section 'B': MISS F LEADBITTER, BWLCH GWYN FARM (CWRT Y CADNO CYFRINACH); Reserve SERENA JAMES, 4 PARKVIEW COTTAGES (GIGMAN JERABOAM, SERENA JAMES).

Class 107 – Mare or gelding, 4 years old or over: 1st MR RODGER DAVIES, HYWI STUD, EBBW VALE (HYWI POLLYANNA); 2nd D GROOM C/O JUSTIN KARL WALTERS, TREDEGAR (BLAENCILA RHIANNA).

Class 108 – Foal: 1st D GROOM C/O JUSTIN KARL WALTERS, TREDEGAR (DORNEY ROW MARY JANE).

Class 109 – Yearling:1st G MOFFATT C/O JUSTIN KARL WALTERS, TREDEGAR (PWLLMELIN ISABELLA); 2nd Glyn Anderson 50 James Court, St Mellons, Cardiff, CF3 0FA (Tyntyla Pom Pom, Mr Glyn Anderson).

Class 110 – Welsh Pony of Cob Type, 2 or 3 years old: 1st MR RODGER DAVIES, HYWI STUD, EBBW VALE (HYWI MOON LADY); 2nd Arwel Edwards, 10 Brynceunant Brynamman Ammanford Carmarthenshire (Dycott the news maker, Mr Arwel Edwards).

Class 111 – Welsh Pony of Cob Type, 2 or 3 years old: NO ENTRIES.

Welsh Ponies Championship in Section C

The Louis Fisher Perpetual Challenge Trophy for the Best animal in Section 'C': MR RODGER DAVIES CARREG BICA FARM, HILLTO, EBBW VALE, and Reserve.

Class 112 – Welsh Cob Yearling: 1st O & R J Bentley Bedw Gwynion Caio (Nantwood Briallen, Mr Owen Bentley); 2nd Mr & Mrs A Booth (Rainhill Megan, Mr Anthony Booth); 3rd MRS CLAIRE DAVIES, TIR Y GELLI FARM, YNYSYBWL (TIRYGELLI GLITX N GLAMOUR, RUTH COOMBS).

Class 113 – Welsh Cob, 2 or 3 years old: 1st MEIRION, DIANE & CALEB EVANS, GWYNFAES, CYNWYL ELFED (GWYNFAES CYLEDDON); 2nd M RECORD C/O JUSTIN KARL WALTERS, TREDEGAR (PENNAL TYWYSOG) .

Class 114 – Welsh Cob, Mare or Gelding 4 years old or over: 1st Mr Anthony Booth, Bedw-Gwynion, Caio, Llanwrda (Nantwood Rowan, Mr Anthony Booth); 2nd CHRIS BEST, 7 CWLWM CARIAD, BARRY (CLWYDIEWYN RUBY, CHRIS BEST); 3rd REBECCA WILLIAMS, 18 PENYArd rd, LONGFORD (GLANTRAETH JULIE'S TREASURE).

Class 115 – Welsh Cob Foal: 1st CHRIS BEST, 7 CWLWM CARIAD (CLWYDIEWYN PRINCESS LEIA, CHRIS BEST).

Class 116 – Welsh Cob Stallion, 4 years old or over: 1st MR R WALTERS (ALLTWALLIS IAGO).

Welsh Ponies Championship in Section D: MEIRION, DIANE & CALEB EVANS, GWYNFAES (GWYNFAES CYLEDDON); Reserve Mr Anthony Booth, Bedw-Gwynion, Caio, Llanwrda (WEDIG Nantwood Rowan, Mr Anthony Booth).

Welsh Ponies Championship in Section A, B, C & D

The Mrs Homfray Perpetual Challenge Cup for the Best animal in Section A, B, C & D: MR RODGER DAVIES CARREG BICA FARM; Reserve K & J SHEIL, TY ISAF, LLANGYNOG (DUKESHILL PIQUANTE WEDIG CYMRU).

Class 117 – Brood Mare 4 years old and over, exceeding 34".

Class 118 – Colt or Filly Foal SR575 Shetland Pony Stud Book Society rosette for the Best Foal.

Class 119 – Barren Mare or Gelding 4 years old and over, exceeding 34": 1st MS J BYRNE, I DAFYDD PLACE, CADOXTON (KENVIG LOLA); 2nd NICOLA BROWN, 9 DOVEDALE ST, BARRY (ILLTYD LADY MODEL, NICOLA BROWN).

Class 120 – Yearling, Colt, Filly or Gelding to exceed 34" at maturity SR579 Shetland Pony Stud Book Society rosette for the Best Gelding.

Class 121 – Two or Three Year Old Colt, Filly or Gelding to exceed 34" at maturity SR579 Shetland Pony Stud Book Society rosette for the Best Gelding.

Class 122 – Stallion 4 years old and over exceeding 34": 1st Mrs M Newton, Lower Coed Morgan, Llanddewi Rhyderch, Abergavenny, Monmouthshire NP7 9UG (Sharptor Diego, Miss karen warren).

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MORE RESULTS

Class 123 – Ridden Class, 4 years old and over, on or off lead rein. Rider any age SR582 The Shetland Pony Stud Book Society rosettes for the Best Open Ridden and Best Lead Rein. Shetland – Mini & Standards : MRS NEWTON; Reserve A PHILP.

Class 124 – Brood/Barren Mare or Gelding 4 years old and over, not exceeding 34": 1st ELAINE SMITH, SHALAINE STUD, L L A N M A E S (SHALAINE ROSE COLOURED); 2nd Mr & Mrs P Jones (Timberland Fairy Glamour Girl, Mrs Yvette Jones); 3rd MRS R ROYLE, SUMMIT VIEW, PENYLAN, C O W B R I D G E (C A S T E L L F R Y N MALACHITE) .

Class 125 – Colt or Filly Foal SR593 Shetland Pony Stud Book Society rosette for the Best Foal Class 594 Yearling Colt, Filly or Gelding not to exceed 34" at maturity: 1st Mr & Mrs P Jones (Kerswell Malibu, Mrs Yvette Jones); 2nd Mr & Mrs P Jones (Kerswell Louanna, Mrs Yvette Jones).

Class 126 – Two or Three Year Colt or Filly not to exceeding 34" at maturity. SR596 Shetland Pony Stud Book Society Rosette for the Best Gelding: 1st MRS JULIE N I C H O L A S (B I R C H W O O D PANDA); 2nd ELAINE SMITH, SHALAINE STUD (HASGUArd POPPY); 3rd MRS JULIE NICHOLAS (KENVIG LOTTIE).

Class 127 – Stallion 4 years old and over, not exceeding 34": 1st Mrs M Newton (Cheslyn Quartz, Miss karen warren); 2nd KELLY WESTALL, 36 G R E E N M E A D O W, CEFN CRIBBWR (SPREYTOU RAMBO).

Supreme Shetland Championship award, 29h **The Morfa Girls Perpetual Challenge Trophy** for the Supreme Shetland Championship award: Mrs. Elaine Smith; Reserve Mrs Newton.

List of prizewinners for Home Produce, Floral, Crafts and Children's Competitions

Section 1 – Preserves

Jar Marmalade – V. R. Morgan

Jar Strawberry Jam – Mrs. J. Morris

Lemon Curd – Carol James

Jar Raspberry Jam – Carol James

Jar Blackcurrant Jam – Carol James

Jar of Windfall Chutney – V. R. Morgan

Jar of Kidney Bean Chutney – Mrs. J. Morris

Section 2 – Cookery

Mediterranean Loaf of Bread – Mrs. J. Morris

5 Cheese Scones – Mrs. J. Morris

A Scone Base Pizza –

5 Shortbread Fingers – Helen Rule

5 Buffet Corned Beef Pasties – Mrs. Pamela Lewis

Boiled Fruit Cake – Barry Franks

5 Slices of Teisen Lap – Barry Franks

Chocolate Sponge – Charlotte Thomas

5 Welsh Cakes – Rose Jones

5 Shrewsbury Biscuits – Tim Dawe

Cottage Cheese and Walnut Tea Bread – Christine Dibble

Apple Tart – Janet Goldsworthy

A Decorated Birthday Cake – Helen Rule

5 Decorated Cup Cakes – Helen Rule

A Bakewell Tart – Julia Preece

5 Rock Cakes (Men Only) – Richard Ground

Section 3 – Flower Arrangements

An Arrangement All Foliage – Mary Grey

A Table Centre suitable for Queen's Birthday Party – Mary Grey

Small is Beautiful – Mary Grey

An exhibit representing The Queen's 90th Birthday – Betty Thomas

An exhibit depicting The Olympic Games – Mary Grey

Section 4 – Craft

A Door Stop – Colleen Atyeo

Bunting – Colleen Atyeo

A Celebration Card – K. M. Turner

A Tea Cosy – Mrs. Satherley

A Household Item made from recycled material – Colleen Atyeo

An Item of Fashion Jewellery – Pamela Lewis

A Baby's Bonnet (to be donated to a local premature baby unit) – Cathy Richards

A Table Lamp Base –

A Hat (any medium) – Tricia McLean

Section 5 – Art

Watercolour – Mrs. B. Dwek

Oil/Acrylic – Mrs. R. Donnelly

Drawing – Mrs. R. Donnelly

Pastels – Lucy Keen

Photograph "Happy Holidays" in colour – S. Oliver

Photograph "The Climate of Wales" in black and white – Jemima Jones

Section 6 – Children's Classes

7 years and under

An animal made from an egg box or egg tray – Edward Jeynes

A painting/drawing of the Queen's dogs – Edward Jeynes

A decorated Wellington Boot – Thomas Morgan

Age 8 – 11 years

A Vase of Paper Flowers – Thomas Payne

5 Queen of Hearts (5 jam tarts) – Michael Richards

A Crown made from Recycled Material – Mae Thomas

Age 12 – 16 years

Tie Dye (large handkerchief) – Hannah Robins

5 Slices of Millionaire Shortbread – Grace Thomas

A Scarecrow (max height 1m) – Grace Thomas

Chairman's Cup Competition – Ann Hooper

What's on
in your area

Coffee, crafts and flowers in Bonvilston

THERE will be two events in Bonvilston on the weekend of September 9 and 10.

There will be Craft, Coffee and Cake at the Reading Room on Saturday, September 9 with over 13 stalls, from 10am until 4pm. Admission is free.

There is also a Flower Festival at St Mary's Church, Bonvilston on Saturday 9/Sunday 10, from 10am until 4pm finishing with a Songs of Praise on Sunday at 6pm. Admission is free.

All money raised from both events will be for the Huggard Centre for the homeless in Cardiff.

Everyone is welcome, with plenty of parking at the Reading Room opposite the Old Village Shop.

Extend your confidence

A new Strength and Balance Class is starting at Margaret Alexandra Community Centre in Barry on Monday afternoons, 2pm to 3pm, starting September 4.

This class, led by an experienced 'Extend' teacher will help you feel more confident about moving around, staying steady on your feet (thus reducing your risk of falling) and helping to build muscle and bone strength.

The cost is £3.50, including refreshments. Call Age Connects Senior Health Shop 01446 732385 for further information.

Double 'hole-in-one' at Wenvoe Castle Golf Club

WENVOE Castle Golf Club recently held their Ladies Open and attracted a high entry from golf clubs throughout the region.

Thankfully, the traditional August damp conditions had disappeared and the competition was played in almost ideal weather, with lots of sun and little wind.

The course conditions were very impressive and players complimented the green keeping staff on the general presentation and in particular the high quality of the greens.

The prize for the top score by a visiting team was presented to Karen Parry, Chris Watkins and Marita Williams from Neath Golf Club who won with an impressive 80 points.

Runners-up with 74 points were Brenda Tomcyck (Radyr), Cheryl Bird (Pyle and Kenfig) and Cheryl Henderson.

The top score for home players was recorded by Barbara Beedham, Tina Church and Heather Thompson with 71 points.

They won on countback ahead of Lynda Campbell, Sandra Hathway and Mags Lewis.

The special prize for nearest the pin on the second hole went to Penny Cope (Tenby Golf Club) whose ball finished just 8ft 5ins from the hole.

If the prize had been awarded for nearest the pin on the 15th hole there is no doubt it would have gone to Marita Williams of Neath Golf Club, who achieved a remarkable 'hole in one' striking the ball into the hole from 156 yards.

On Saturday, it was a good day for Tim Hanson, who comfortably won the Dai David Putter Trophy with an excellent gross 72 (net 67).

Tim was three strokes ahead of the runner-up, Anthony David, with a net 70 just holding off Dean Rowlands on countback.

On the same day, the ladies had recovered from their efforts in the ladies open to contest the Golf Union of Wales/Welsh Dragon Brooch.

Barbara Beedham played well to post the best net score of 70, ahead of runner up Sandra Hathway with a net 74

On Sunday, Nic Caulfield posted an impressive 42 points in the Stableford competition ahead of Nick James with 37 points and the consistent Tim Hanson with 36 points.

The busy programme was completed on August bank holiday Monday, with the popular Bowen Greenwood Mixed Competition.

The winners - Jane Lott and Phil Yee - won with an exceptional score of a net 62.5 points, well ahead of the field and runners-up Martin and Mags Lewis with 71.5 points.

Lightning did strike twice when Jane became the second player in four days to record a hole-in-one on the 15th hole.

This remarkable feat is calculated at odds of over 12,000 to 1 on each occasion, so both ladies are to be congratulated on their special achievement, which was no doubt celebrated in the usual fashion at the 19th hole.

The club captain, Kota Dayananda, thanked all the competitors for supporting the various competitions and, in particular, the club members and staff for contributing to such a busy and successful weekend. **BJ**

Valuable points earned by Barry Athletic cricketers

ON Saturday, Barry Athletic first XI e n t e r t a i n e d Whitchurch Heath in their penultimate game of the season.

Whitchurch Heath won the toss and decided to bat first and were reduced to 60 for 6 with Peter Hellyar taking 5 for 27 in his 10 overs – before Vanos and Tibbs came together and added 143 for the seventh wicket, to take Whitchurch to 265 for 9 in their 50 overs.

In reply, Barry were soon three wickets down and it was Usswald and Zeeshan made some respectability to the score scoring 33 and 25 respectively.

Peter Hellyar scored 25 and Lee Morgan 59 as Barry reached 188 all out and a valuable seven points to stave off relegation.

This Saturday, Barry first XI entertain champions-in-waiting Abergavenny, with the second XI travelling to Croesyceiliog.

On Sunday, September 24, Barry Athletic Cricket Club will be holding a car boot sale at The Athletic Ground from 8am, limited to 50 cars on a first-come-first-served basis. **MR**

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LEST WE FORGET... BARRY'S WAR DEAD TOLL, AUGUST 1917

THE Third Battle of Ypres continued in the mud of Flanders with the capture of Westhoek on August 10, and the Battle of Langemarck August 16 to 18, a defeat for the Allies.

Private Denis Cornelius Ferrissey of the 9th Btn Welsh Regiment was killed in action August 1, 1917. He has no known grave and thus is commemorated on the Menin Gate Memorial, Ypres.

Born in 1897, he was the son of William and the late Norah Ferrissey of 46 Harvey Street, Cadoxton, Barry. He served in France from October 4, 1915.

Private Albert Coslett of the 15th Btn Royal Welsh Fusiliers was killed in action on August 4, 1917. He has no known grave. His brother, Private Herbert Coslett of the Cardiff City Battalion, wrote to his mother Mrs Coslett, 36 Dinam Street, Barry Docks informing her of the death of his youngest brother in France in the recent fighting, having been shot in the heart by a sniper during a bombing attack on the German trench.

Private Coslett, who was 19 years of age, had only been at the Front four months, this being his first battle. His brother, who had seen the grave, said that it was kept trim and tidy (sadly the grave was lost in subsequent fighting and Albert is commemorated on the Menin Gate Memorial).

A second brother, Sergeant-Major ER Coslett, Royal Field Artillery was also at the Front; while another brother, Sapper W Coslett, had been discharged and invalided from the Barry Company of the Royal Engineers.

Private Arthur Nelson Cirell of the 12th Btn Royal Fusiliers was killed in action on August 3, 1917. He has no known grave and is thus commemorated on the Menin Gate Memorial. Age 21, he was the son of Mrs Alice Jane Stapleton of 20, Churchill Terrace, Cadoxton, Barry.

Lance-Corporal Walter Thomas Scott of the 11th (Service) Battalion Rifle Brigade was killed in action in France on August 10 1917; he is buried in Bard Cottage Cemetery, Ypres, Belgium. Born in Newport, Monmouth in1887, he was the son of the late Mr Thomas Scott and of Mrs Elizabeth George, 65 Graving Dock Street, Barry Docks.

He enlisted in September 1914 and had served in France 25 months, having previously been wounded in September 1916. Before he enlisted he had been employed by the Barry Railway Company.

Gunner AE Doyle, 'B' Bty, 71st Bde Royal Field Artillery died of wounds on August 14, 1917. He has no known grave and is commemorated on the Menin Gate Memorial. On September 7 the Barry Dock News reported that: 'Private Ernest Alfred Doyle, son of Mr and Mrs J Doyle, 19, Lombard Street, Barry Docks, and husband of Mrs Doyle, 33, Brook Street, Barry Docks has been killed in action in France, whilst serving with his regiment, the Royal Field Artillery.

Private Doyle was 30 years of age, and was employed by Messrs J Marshall and Co, meat purveyors, Barry Docks, for 11 years and was latterly employed by Messrs England and Co, potato importers. He was an old pupil of St Helen's Roman Catholic School. His father served through the Zulu Campaign with the 57th (West Middlesex) Regiment, and holds the Zulu medal. Private Doyle enlisted on December 12, 1916 and was in France the following June. He leaves a widow and one child.'

Driver Charles Frederick Beecham of 'B' Bty, 122nd Bde, Royal Field Artillery was killed in action on August 14, 1917. He is buried in Canada Farm Cemetery, Flanders, Belgium. Born in Barry, he was the son of Harriet Beecham; he enlisted in Mountain Ash.

Private Arthur Champ of the 1st/2nd Monmouthshire Regiment, youngest son of Mr J Champ, 17 Beatrice Road, Cadoxton, Barry was killed in France on August 18 by a shell as he was returning to his trench from an attack. He is buried in Artillery Wood Cemetery, Belgium.

Aged 19, he had joined the 3rd Btn of the Monmouthshire Regiment 18 months earlier with his brother, Private William Champ who served in France in the Warwickshire Regiment. He arrived in France on March 14, 1917 and had previously been wounded on May 26, 1917.

Corporal WG Pratt of the 15th Btn Welsh Regiment was killed in action on August 22, 1917. He has no known grave and thus is commemorated on the Tyne Cot Memorial, Flanders.

The Barry Dock News reported that: 'The War Office have informed Mrs Pratt of 110, Porthkerry Road, Barry that her husband, Corporal William George Pratt (22), 15th Welsh Regt, was killed by a shell in France on August 22. Corporal Pratt had been with the Forces since the outbreak of war, being called up as a Territorial. He was formerly with the 7th Welsh Cyclists but was later transferred to the 15th Welsh.

'He had one child, and before enlisting was a haulier in the employ of Messrs J Gay and Son, coal merchants, Barry Docks. He had two brothers in the Army, Sergt Ernest Pratt serving in Egypt with the 53rd Cyclists' Division, and Signaller Thomas Pratt, Welsh Guards, who had been home on leave last week.'

Corporal Stanley W Beckinsale of the 75th Brigade, Royal Field Artillery was killed in action on August 23, 1917. He is buried in Canada Farm Cemetery. Aged 23, he was the son of Mr and Mrs W Beckinsale of 34 Gaen Street, Barry.

Private Herbert Albert Barrett of the 45th Company of the Machine Gun Corps (formerly 49466, Welsh Regt) was killed in action on August 23, 1917. He has no known grave and thus is commemorated on the Tyne Cot Memorial.

Private John Leonard Baker of the 3rd Btn, Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry died at home on August 23, 1917 and is buried in Plymouth (Western Mill) Cemetery. Born on September 9, 1898 at Barry Dock, the son of Walter and Frances Baker, he had previously served as a boy seaman in the Royal Navy from March 16, 1914 to November 25, 1914 before enlisting. He had arrived in France on October 26, 1915.

Donkeyman John Goddard of the *SS Veghtstroom* Mercantile Marine drowned on August 23, 1917 as a result of an attack by an enemy submarine. Aged 34, he was the son of Sarah Goddard and the late George Goddard; husband of Mabel Gertrude Goddard (nee Dyer) of 42, Arthur Street, Cadoxton. Born at Penarth.

The *SS Veghtstroom* on a voyage from Penarth to Havre with a cargo of coal was sunk by the German submarine UC-47 (Paul Hundius), seven miles northwest of the Godrevy lighthouse. Five persons were lost.

Sailor Ivor Leslie Curtis of the *SS Heatherside*, Mercantile Marine drowned on August 24, 1917 as a result of an attack by an enemy submarine. Aged 17, he was the son of Lionel Edgar and Emma Elizabeth Curtis (nee Benneworth) of 2, Station Street, Barry Docks. The *SS Heatherside*, on a voyage from Newport via Milford Haven to Malta with a cargo of coal was sunk by the German submarine U-93 (Helmut Gerlach), northwest from Cape Ortegal. 27 persons were lost.

Second Lieutenant Reginald Rees Jones DSO of the 1st Btn Welsh Guards was wounded on July 31, 1917, and died of his wounds on August 25, 1917. He is buried in Mendinghem Military Cemetery, Belgium.

Aged 21, he was the only son of John B and Elizabeth Jones of the Cash Supply Stores, 86 High Street, Barry. He had served with the British Expeditionary Force since September 25, 1916 and had been Mentioned in Despatches and awarded the Distinguished Service Order for his cool judgement and bravery.

The Welsh Guards history records that in the attack on July 31 encountering blockhouses for the first time: '2nd Lt RR Jones rushed one of them, and fired a rifle through the loophole, killing the machine gunner, while his men dealt with those trying to escape from the rear. The casualties of the battalion for the day were 138, amongst them was the gallant 2nd Lt RR Jones, mortally wounded.'

The deceased young officer was assistant Scoutmaster of the 1st Barry Scouts and had been awarded the silver wolf as a mark of efficiency while serving with the Scouts. He was also a member of the 1st Barry Company when they won the King's Challenge Banner. Prior to joining the Army in January 1916, Lieut Jones assisted his father in business and was an old pupil of Barry County School. He was nephew of Coun SR Jones Barry Docks; a member of Bethel Baptist Church, Barry, and assistant secretary of the Sunday School.

Private George Bellamy of the 7th Btn Somerset Light Infantry died on August 27, 1917 of wounds received in action on August 15 at Langemarck. He is buried in Longuenesse (St Omer) Souvenir Cemetery, France. He was the eldest son of Mr and Mrs WG Bellamy, 34 Davies Street, Cadoxton.

Before enlisting Private Bellamy was a platelayer on the Barry Railway where he had been employed for 20 years. A brother, Private James Bellamy, Welsh Pioneer Regiment was serving in India.

Private William Herbert Harry of the 1st Btn Monmouthshire Regiment (11th Btn South Wales Borderers) was killed in action on August 27, 1917. He has no known grave and is commemorated on the Loos Memorial in France.

Aged 20, he was the son of Mr and Mrs Abraham William Harry of Trehill, St Nicholas, Cardiff. Private Harry was for four years booking clerk at Barry Railway Station and was living at 37 High Street, Barry when he enlisted.

Rifleman William James Surridge of the 9th Btn, the Rifle Brigade died of wounds on August 30, 1917 and is buried in Etaples Military Cemetery, France. He had been evacuated back to the military base at Etaples for treatment, having been wounded in the fighting around Langemarck during the Battle of Passchendaele.

Aged 20, he was the son of Ernest and Lucy Surridge of 56 Castle Street, Barry and before the war he was working for Barry Railway at the cleaning sheds.

Sergeant Frederick Hunt of 'A' Coy 1/5th Btn, Royal Sussex Regiment died on August 31, 1917 and is buried in Brandhoek New Military Cemetery No 3, Flanders. Aged 32, he was the husband of Marian Alice Hunt of 27 Plymouth Road, Barry Island.

Private Reginald Hookings of the 114th Company, Machine Gun Corps, formerly South Wales Borderers died of wounds on August 31, 1917 and is buried at Bard Cottage Cemetery, Belgium. Aged 24, he was the son of Jack and Eliza Hookings of 3, Fore Street, Beer, Devon; husband of Caroline Elizabeth Bubbins (formerly Hookings) of 51 Vale Street, Barry.

They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old;

Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.

At the going down of the sun and in the morning

We will remember them.

Can we help you?

What did your relatives do in the First World War?

Do you have a family member who served in the Armed Forces – Royal Navy, Army, or Royal Air Force?

Whether he or she died or survived, we may be able to help you find out more about them. Drop into the Barry War Museum and speak to one of our dedicated team of volunteers (we are open Wednesdays 2pm to 4pm).

Please bring any information you already have – photos, letters or other items such as medals, documents etc. We will advise and assist you to find out what may be available.

PAUL KEMP

Please note that the Museum will be open August 26 – 28 from 11am – 3.30pm.

September skies

Astronomy Corner with Dave Powell of Barry Astronomical Society.

THOSE of a nervous disposition should look away now! After a summer that has left a lot to be desired, if you care to look towards the north-eastern horizon, the first signs of winter will greet you.

The Pleiades, or seven sisters are very low down, but this group of stars will get higher and, as winter approaches, they will add a large dose of sparkle later in the year.

For now, let's look directly overhead.

If you view from a dark site you will see the Milky Way shimmering. This faint band of light stretches from the south-western horizon overhead, and then all the way down to the north-eastern horizon and is, of course, one spiral arm of our own Galaxy.

Try looking with any pair of binoculars to see the 'Milky Way' which is made up of many thousands of stars. In binoculars, most of these will appear blue or white but careful examination of this area will also reveal dark patches, where stars appear absent. Such dark patches mask the stars that lay behind them.

It is difficult to visualise that we live inside a Galaxy. In fact, our Sun is just one of around one hundred thousand million stars in the Milky Way Galaxy. Most stars we see in the sky belong to our own Galaxy.

I can't offer a better analogy than one offered by the late, great, Sir Patrick Moore when he suggested the best way to visualise our Galaxy is to "picture two fried eggs back to back". We know it has a central bulge, and the arms, (it has several) is where most of the new stars are born.

We think our Galaxy is about average, it is 80,000 light years across (one light year is equal to about six trillion miles), and our Sun lies about 25,000 light years from the centre of our Galaxy. You may also visualise it by thinking about when you nailed a Catherine Wheel to your shed door on November 5.

However, the best way to visualise our Galaxy is to locate a near neighbour – the Andromeda Galaxy, sometimes called M31. It can be seen with the naked eye, and is easy with binoculars, if you know where to look.

First, we need to find the square of Pegasus, high in the south-eastern sky – not overhead, but the square is quite easy to locate with a little practice. Its position is sign-posted on the sixth of the month as the full Moon lies between it and the horizon.

Although this will not be a good night to view the Andromeda Galaxy, because strong moonlight will drown out faint objects, the square itself should be visible. When the Moon is absent, take the top left-hand star of the square: you will see a line of stars. Place the binoculars on the third one and Andromeda should be visible in the same field of view. It will look like a large smudge. Before you wake up the neighbours shouting: "*Is that it*?" remember it does lie just over two million light years away, and is one of around 20 galaxies, including the Milky Way that make up the 'local' group.

If you have a telescope, the full glory of its spiral arms become apparent. Do make every effort to locate Andromeda – as, in around four billion years' time, it is scheduled to collide with the Milky Way Galaxy! Collisions between galaxies are not rare. It is said that, because the individual stars in both galaxies are so far apart, it is unlikely stars will collide, but rather the gas between the two galaxies will interact. (*Mind you, I for one will not be sorry to miss this event!*)

The bright star overhead is Deneb, the brightest star in the constellation Cygnus the Swan. Another, better name for this constellation is the Northern Cross. Sweeping this area with binoculars will reap rewards, and you will be amazed at what can be seen.

Remember your eyes will take at least 10 minutes to fully dark-adapt, so do not be disappointed if you do not see the sky at its best immediately after you leave a well-lit room.

If you are an early riser, the bright planet Venus will be near a large open cluster of stars known as the Beehive on the 1st; and then, on the morning of the 18th, the crescent Moon, Venus, and the bright star Regulus, make a pretty sight.

Lastly, I do hope some of you managed to see a Perseid Meteor or two. The group I was with at Porthkerry Park in Barry managed to see a couple of dozen meteors and three very bright fireballs. (A fireball is simply a larger piece of debris).

A particle that produces a meteor is something around the size of a grain of sand up to a garden pea. The particle producing a fireball is a larger lump of rock, so appears much brighter.

If you missed them, you will have another chance because the Orionids, and Geminids are due before the end of the year. Watch this space...

If you wish to know more about astronomy, click on the Barry Astronomical Society website: barryastronomical.wordpress.com/

DAVE POWELL

Rotarians rally to foodbank

ABOVE, from left: Rotarian Judith Hunt, club secretary Phil Hunt, president Jill Osborne, Foodbank warehouse manager Aaron Godard and volunteer Roy Gee.

THE Rotary Club of Barry has been supporting the Vale Foodbank for several years, purchasing food to be donated so that they can make full use of any offers available and, from time to time, assist in collecting food at Tesco.

Due to the increased demand on the Foodbank Service, the Rotary Club of Barry recently increased their giving to £1,200 of food per Rotary year.

On August 22, Rotarians visited the Vale Foodbank to meet the volunteers and donate much needed items of food. In the last two months, the club has donated 490kg of food.

Both organisations have expressed appreciation for the public's continued support.

The Barry branch meets weekly in the Glenbrook on Thursdays 6pm for 6.30pm. For further information, contact club secretary Phil Hunt on 01446 720000, or look online at www.ribi.org.

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Two charities benefit from smooth-hounds competition

THE second Llantwit Major Charity Fishing Open of 2017 took place on August 20.

Weather was promising for a change, with light southerly winds at 10mph. Good fishing for smooth-hounds had been expected, with excellent catches in the prior week, but they didn't turn up in the expected numbers on the day!

The winning bag went to Andrew Withey, fishing at Boverton, with two hounds for 6.26kg – winning £250 donated by Q-Cars Online Cardiff. Andrew also won the open held in April.

Ray Christoforato, owner of Holton Road Angling in Barry, had the biggest number of fish caught in front of the beach cafe – five, including hounds and huss, for a weight of 6.11kg – winning £150 donated by Maria Hughes of Llantwit Major Beach Cafe.

Third place went to Daniel Crump – manager of Holton Road Angling in Barry who had two hounds for 5.74kg and fished at Boverton – winning £100 donated by Dai & Claire Loder.

Biggest fish of the day went to John Griffiths, who fished at St Donats and caught a hound weighing 4.5kg.

The pool went to Chris Stephens, who caught the biggest rockling – 0.46kg, and winning £73.

Junior prize was won by Dylan Brown of Bridgend, with two eels and a dog for 4.4kg – Dylan won a Rovex Rangemaster Rod worth £120, donated by David Llewellyn of Barry:83 anglers fished, including five juniors.

Amount raised overall from entry and raffle was £1,224 – divided equally between the two charities Ty Hafan and A Price On A Life.

Mark Cowell and Sally Owen would like to thank friends, family and local business for their continued support – especially Maria Hughes, of Llantwit Beach Cafe, who has supported every event over the past six years.

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Barrivale Bridge Club news

THE results for the Barrivale Bridge Individuals session on August 22 were as follows:

The top four winners for the individuals were 1, Alan Jones 63.81 per cent; 2, Noelle Bond 62.38 per cent; 3, Mark Roderick 60 per cent and 4, Allan Rees 59.52 per cent.

The handicap first place was Allan Rees and second place was Pat Price.

As always, new members are welcome at Barrivale bridge club and a partner may be arranged, if required. If you would like to join us call 01446 418380 or 01446 733425 or 01446 735592 or call at the Pioneer Hall, Beryl Road, Barry on Tuesdays at 7pm.

Alternatively, players (inexperienced or new) may attend on Fridays at 10am at the same address where lessons and play take place in a relaxed atmosphere.

As from September 22, new classes will commence, so if you would like to join us, call any of the above numbers to find out more and book your place.

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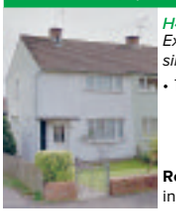

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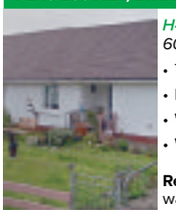

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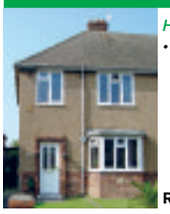

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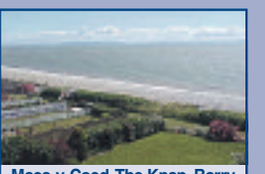

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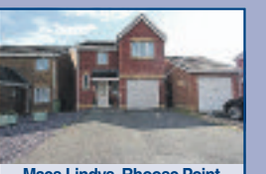

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MORGAN
Bryn

On 24th August 2017 at Brocastle Manor Nursing Home, Bryn, aged 85 years, of Cowbridge. Beloved husband of Edith, loving father of Rachel, David and the late Rebekah. Dear grandad of Richard, Hannah, Amy, James, Adam and Daniel.

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Funeral service at Holy Cross Church on Tuesday, 5th September at 2pm, followed by interment at the Limes Cemetery. Flowers may be sent to Thomas Brothers, Greengate, Ewenny Road, St. Brides Major, CF32 OSB.

CHICK
Clive William

7.8.1941 - 14.8.2017

It is with great sadness that Clive passed away peacefully after a long and courageous battle at Holme Towers Penarth an 14th August 2017 surrounded by his wife Yvonne and family.

Clive was laid to rest at Barry Cemetry after the service at Merthyr Dylan Chapel on 24th August 2017.

Clive will be greatly missed by his much loved wife Yvonne, his beautiful children Alex, Nicola, Beverly, Vanessa, Caroline, Clive, Wendy, Barry and Paul, his adorable grandchildren and great grandchildren, his sister Margaret, brother Barry and all the rest of his family and friends.

The family would like to thank everyone for all their love and support during this difficult time. Thanks to all the wonderful staff at Holme Towers, the district nurses and everyone else who provided such love, care and support over the past 20 months.

Special thanks to Robert D Johnson Funeral Directors who helped ease the pain and stress and provided such a wonderful service.

Thank you to all friends and family who attended the funeral and made it such a special day. If wished, donations to Holme Towers, Penarth can be made c/o the Funeral Directors.

DAGLESS
Kathryn (née Ayres)

On August 23rd, Kathy, aged 44, beloved wife of Niels, precious daughter of Pennie and the late Ken, much loved sister of Matthew.

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HARRHY
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Ginny is in the care of Lyndsay Ellis @ The Vale Funeral Service Court Road, Barry until her service at Coychurch Crematorium, Coity, Bridgend on Monday, 4th September at 1.15pm.

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MORGAN
Paul Michael

Peacefully on the 22nd of August in hospital, aged 74 years. Beloved husband to Daniela, much loved dad to the late Alexis, Dimetra, Dino and Peter, and a much loved grandad to Oscar, Mia and Lia.

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Funeral service to be held at Cardiff and Glamorgan Crematorium, Barry at 12pm on Thursday, 14th of September.

Acknowledgements

COUZENS
Christopher John (Frank)

A message from the Couzens family

To all our great many friends who so kindly sent messages of comfort to our family. You will never know the help and support your wishes gave us.

In church we felt your warmth on our saddest day. Please accept our enormous thanks, from Roz, Richard and Michael Couzens and their families. Your overwhelming generous donations to Marie Curie have been delivered.

Thank you again.

DOT DAVIES

Royston, Alison and Angela would like to thank everyone who attended their mother's funeral, expressed messages of sympathy and gave donations to Marie Curie, which totalled £538.35.

Thanks to Donna Lee and all the staff of Marie Curie Also, thank you to Lyndsay Ellis and team at Vale Funeral Services and the Reverend Andy Gibbs.

SMITH
Barbara Alda

5th December 1924 - 8th August 2017

Andrea would like to thank all family and friends for their kind words and condolences in the recent sad loss of her mum Barbara Smith (Babs).

Also to thank everyone who attended the funeral held at A.G. Adams Funeralcare and the Vale of Glamorgan Crematorium, for the family flowers and generous donations to Barbara's designated charity - Age Concern UK (Barry branch) of which £240 was raised and donated.

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Your beautiful daughter Darcie will always love and remember her Daddy, you were devoted to each other and she loved you as you loved her. We will keep sharing all our wonderful and funny memories of you with her forever.

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Marcus, Kirsty and Fraser have lost a much loved brother and faithful friend and hold you close in their hearts, as do your nieces and nephews, Grace, Hugo, Theo and Flo. They so miss their uncle Lewis xxxx

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TEXAS SCRAMBLE AT BRYNHILL

CLEAR blue skies and one of the warmest Bank Holidays on record greeted the players on their arrival for the annual Brynhill Mixed Open Texas Scramble.

Teams from Brynhill, Kington (Herefordshire), Wenvoe Castle, Bristol and Coed-y-Mwstr competed for the prizes on a golf course presented in superb condition by Iain Grant and his ground staff.

The competition was enjoyed by all, the results being very close with only 1.2 shots between the first five teams.

Past captain John Kirkpatrick gave apologies for club captain Mike Underdown, who was unable to attend. John then welcomed the visitors to Brynhill and on behalf of the players, congratulated Iain Grant and his staff, Kath Foran and the bar staff and Mark Dommett the caterer for their services in ensuring an enjoyable day was had by all.

John introduced the vice president Mike Cook, who presented the prizes to the runners-up team, Derek and Helena Coombes and Steve and Glynis Gould (Brynhill) 62 nett, and the winning team Kelvin and Ruth Alexander and Wyndham and Chris Evans (Kington) 61.9 nett.

Kelvin Alexander spoke on behalf of the winning team and reiterated the comments of John Kirkpatrick regarding the standard of the course, catering and bar staff and looking forward to returning next year, as they were delighted by the friendly atmosphere extended to them by the Brynhill members.

JK

Runners turn out for 10k

It's all go at the start of the Llantwit Major 10K.

Photos by Andy Wicks. Telephone 07855 374478.

Organisers of the Llantwit Major 10K are celebrating another highly-successful race, which was run below blue skies on a fine day last Saturday (August 26).

The winner, Paul Green, a member of Sales Harriers, Manchester, recorded a time of 34 minutes, 48 seconds.

'BE AWARE OF DANGER IN THE COUNTRYSIDE'

MORE must be done to warn people of the dangers when using countryside rights of way, a regional AM cautioned this week.

Andrew RT Davies (South Wales Central), whose family have farmed in the Vale for several decades, said Welsh Government plans to extend open access land brought tremendous opportunities – but there were also risks that should not be ignored.

Emphasising that it was important people had the chance to enjoy the countryside, he pointed out that it was also "a work place for many and is essential in providing our food".

He recently met a group of farmers based across south Wales – including Llysworney in the Vale – who voiced concerns about the current risks.

The Welsh Government is currently holding a consultation on the plans: taking forward Wales' sustainable management of natural resources.

It closes on September 30 and Mr Davies encouraged as many people as possible to take part.

Mr Davies said: "Open access land brings many new opportunities, but the balance must be struck between safety and enjoyment.

'First Minister is making mischief'

WITH our GDP in Wales well below the average for the UK, our education system not producing results to put us in the top tier, as compared to other education systems in Europe, the increasing demands on our health service allied with our ridiculously ever-expanding public sector (didn't the Labour Party promise prior to the last Assembly elections that if they were returned to office, the number of local authorities and health boards would be reduced?) the fact that our First Minister has the time to fly to Edinburgh to discuss Brexit clearly shows where his true priority lies.

His claim that he is not intending to 'thwart' the exit process rings hollow when the First Minister in Scotland has two primary objectives, full independence for Scotland and for Scotland to remain a full member of the EU.

It seems that our First Minister will travel anywhere to serve his own priority, as was evidenced by his visit to Chicago where he preached doom and gloom for the UK in general, and Wales in particular, following the referendum result and by his recent visit to Brussels, which can only be seen as mischief making.

Our First Minister continues to ignore that the majority in Wales, including his own area of Bridgend, voted for the UK to exit the EU. In fact, more voted for this than voted for his party at the last Assembly election.

People in Wales expect their elected representatives to respect the clearly-expressed wishes of the electorate which, with regard to the EU referendum, our First Minister is clearly refusing to do.

It is time that our First Minister demonstrates a positive 'can do' approach to all the challenges we face, of which exiting the EU is only one.

If he does not wish to do this then he should make way for some one prepared to do so.

Gareth Jones, Colwinston.

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DROP THREAT STILL PRESENT FOR WANDERERS

BARRY Wanderers flirtation with relegation continued as they fell short chasing a Dinas Powys total of 178 at Hayes Point on a wonderful late summer's day.

The Wanderers will not finish in the bottom two which would have been enough to avoid relegation last year, but the possibility of three going down has meant that all is still to play for.

Dinas won the toss and elected to bat and 17-year-old Sam Harris bowled beautifully to take two wickets in two balls to leave Dinas on 21 for 2, which became 36 for 3 when the dangerous Gordon Hannah was bowled by Dan Bowles for 18.

It was a pitch to dig in on and no easy runs were on offer but Ryan Todd and Curtis Wingren kept the scoreboard ticking over slowly and the partnership of 67 was crucial.

When Todd fell to a full toss for 33 they had taken the score up to 103 with 10 overs to go and from now on it was Wingren who went on and reached a tremendous 83 before being bowled in the last over of the 45.

It was the perfect innings on a wicket where you really had to dig deep at first and then earn the right to play your shots.

He was ably supported by several partners at the other end who may not have scored many runs but were willing runners between the wickets and the total of 178 was much better than was expected about 45 minutes before.

Recent history suggested that this total would be too much for the Barry team and so it proved as wickets fell at regular intervals and despite the run rate required never getting out of hand, Wanderers were always behind.

Only Matt Anderson with a stubborn 32 hung around for any real length of time as the supporting cast failed to perform.

There were no silly shots particularly but two needless run-outs did little to help the cause and at the end they fell short by 53 runs.

The batting in 2017 has been average and that is being kind. Captain Lewis Clarke took 3 for 23 and special mention for Alex Vowles who finished wicketless but only went for five singles and a wide off his nine overs.

The Wanderers have one more game this week at home to Monmouth and the club would like to thank Twomlows Solicitors for sponsoring the match balls in recent weeks which has been a big help for a small club.

The seconds finished with another defeat up at Ebbw Vale with only Chris Barnes, with 38, and Satya, with 17, really making any impression in a total of 95 which took Ebbw Vale no time in knocking off for the loss of only one wicket.

It's been a tough season for the seconds who suffered massively due to poor availability but there have been some highlights along the way, with new players joining and Luke Grant getting better every week. Hopefully things will be much better in 2018.

The game on Sunday against our good friends Barry West End went ahead in the most glorious conditions.

The Wanderers, with a strong team for a Sunday, were kindly invited to bat by Glan Williams and a total of 227 was posted thanks to 48 from guest player Sudesh and Kunal, who may as well give up Saturdays as he was brilliant again on a Sunday, with 59 not out.

There was a large gathering of spectators as the reply started in chasing a daunting total. Despite the early loss of Rhys Howell, former Wanderer Andy Fenton joined Mark Williams and put on a fantastic stand of 119 until Fenton was caught at long off for 57.

This meant it was difficult with the incoming batsmen having to keep the run rate up and due to some tight bowling from young Josh Marsh and old Tim Bowker wickets kept falling.

Williams finished on a truly memorable 105 with the total on 202. It really was the perfect Sunday to finish off August for another year. Days like this need to be bottled, it was fantastic.

On Sunday the team entertain a Dave Fiddler XI so more fun is on the horizon.

AF

Away win for Romilly

BARRY Romilly's bowls season is coming to a close with just two games to be played, both away from home against Gelli Park and Ynysybwl.

The first of these games was at Gelli Park last Saturday and with the league positions close, the result was important to Romilly who, although currently sitting at the top of the table, had played up to three games more.

As a result it was imperative for Romilly to gain as many points as possible to ensure First Division status.

Gelli are a difficult side to beat on their own patch but Romily were keen to get a positive start and not allow the home team a foothold over the first few ends, and this was achieved with Romilly holding a two-shot advantage by the end of the fifth mainly due to the rink of Alan Bannister, Gwynne Rees, Graham Cogbill and skip Fred Phillips who started confidently, holding a seven-shot lead at this stage.

Between ends six and 10 the game remained tight with Romilly slightly increasing their narrow lead to five shots with the overall score 37-32.

The rinks of Bryan Foscolo, Mike Doyle and Phillips were leading by four, five and two respectively; unfortunately the rink of Alun Bryan, Jerry Daly, Clive Collins and skip Jeff Wright had fallen six shots behind their opposing rink, skipped by the renowned Spencer Wiltshire.

As the game progressed the Romilly players began to out play their opposition and by the end of the 15th end, Wright's rink had recovered their deficit and were now two ahead.

Mike Doyle's rink of Kelvyn Mills, Terry Bloomfield and Mel Newman had a bad spell, dropping 11 shots in this period but the rink of Gary Eastment, Paul Swannick, Roger Jones and skip Foscolo scored 11 shots to a reply of one, taking them into a 21-7 lead.

Also, Phillips' rink remained in control of their opposition, holding a six shot advantage, helping Romilly to an overall 64-46 and a 18 shot lead.

Over the final six ends, Romilly had to hold their concentration to win overall but were required to hold their form to win on all rinks to gain maximum points.

Unfortunately Doyle's rink were having a great tussle with their opposition and on the 20th end the score was level at 20-20; on the final end the visitors were holding game until their opposition trailed the jack into the ditch, leaving Doyle with little chance of gaining shot and eventually dropping a couple of shots to lose 20-22.

Wright and Phillips' rinks won their games by five and six respectively but the Foscolo rink had a superb game, scoring 7, 6, 2 and 6 over ends 15 to 18 to win by 27 shots, 37-10.

The final overall score was a 36-shot win, 102-66, with Romilly taking an excellent 12 points to Gelli's two.

This result should be sufficient to enable First Division status and the final game against Ynysybwl will probably decide their fate in this division, so a difficult final game of the season is expected.

FP

YMCA club welcomes fellow gymnasts from Belgian twin town to train in Barry

A day out on Barry Island.

YMCA Barry were very excited to host a team of Belgian gymnasts from Barry's twin town Mouscron, who train in Gym Passion, Herseaux.

Fourteen female gymnasts aged between eight and 16 travelled to Barry to spend the week training alongside YMCA Barry's female competitive gymnasts.

Three high level gymnastics coaches travelled with the gymnasts, one being an international judge at European Gymnastics Championships who is hoping to judge in the upcoming World Championships.

One of the coaches, as a young gymnast had come over to Barry 30 years previously on a similar exchange trip, and thoroughly enjoyed her time returning to the area with her own gymnasts.

The gymnasts had a mixture of intense training and fun activities where they were able to really get to know each other, despite speaking different languages.

They completed 21 hours of training throughout the week, with both the Barry and Mouscron gymnasts learning valuable new techniques and lessons from each other. Despite working hard and behaving impeccably, the gymnasts still had the energy to enjoy fun day trips.

Gymnasts from Mouscron and Barry were able to visit and have dinner at the Mayor's Parlour, where they met the Vale of Glamorgan Mayor and talked about their first day of training.

The Belgian team and coaches enjoyed a morning at Cardiff Bay, where they went on a boat ride and explored Techniquest. Finally, the gymnasts enjoyed a party at YMCA Barry.

The gymnasts excelled themselves all week and the YMCA Barry members were sorry to see their new friends leave.

However, YMCA Barry will look forward to visiting Mouscron next summer, to train and spend a week with the Gym Passion team.

YMCA Barry gymnastics club is the most successful in the Vale, with a varied and diverse programme. This includes drop-in toddler gym, preschool, recreational gymnastics and cheerleading, as well as a very successful competitive programme for male and female gymnasts.

The most recent success is having two male competitive gymnasts currently undergoing trials for the 2018 Commonwealth Games.

If your child would like to try gymnastics call 01446 724000, or email sophie@ymcabarry.org.uk to receive further information about classes.

Centurions remain in the promotion hunt after victory

SULLY Centurions hosted Monkswood at Burnham Avenue and finished with a victory to keep in touch in the promotion stakes.

Batting first, Sully's openers Gethin Hicks and Rhett Jones took the score along to 44 before Hicks was caught and bowled by Trumper for 14.

It became 52 for 2 in the 12th over when Santosh Singh fell to the same bowler for five. Jones went on to hit 44 and David Goodway's 35 also added to the momentum.

However, the run rate slowed down considerably and, in spite of a dogged 32 from Pavel and a late unbeaten 18 from Nathan Cuddihy, the home side missed out on maximum batting points - finishing on 194 for 8 at the end of the 45 overs.

The wickets were shared out among the Monkswood bowlers, with Trumper's 2 for 24 being the best figures.

In reply, the visitors reached 40 before losing the wicket of skipper Mike Jones, bowled by Santosh for 28.

This started a bit of a collapse as the next four wickets fell for just 17 runs. Lloyd Bruce celebrated his return to the fold by claiming five victims, with Bharrat chipping in with a fine 3 for 18 and the innings was wrapped up when Ricki Griffett picked up the wicket of Probert with the score on 115, giving Centurions a victory by 79 runs.

With Monmouth unexpectedly losing at Vale, this win has put Sully back in second place with just one match remaining.

Sully Centurions 194-8, Monkswood 115 all out.

The second XI made the trip to Monkswood, starting the day in third place and still in with a shout for promotion.

But the hosts, who are top of the table, proved too strong for a Sully side missing a few regulars, due to unavailability and having some players who were carrying injuries.

Skipper Dave Sylvester won the toss and opted to bat, but unfortunately his innings lasted just one ball when he was bowled by Webb for a golden duck.

However, Russell Thomas and Jason Hicks set about building the innings and pushed the score along to 85 before Hicks was caught and bowled by Weller for 25.

Russell Thomas was joined by Nick Jones and the pair shared a stand of 26 before the opener went for a very well-made 62. The run rate then slowed considerably and this, coupled with the regular fall of wickets, left Centurions struggling to post a competitive score.

David Morgan, struggling with a hamstring problem, hit an unbeaten 26, but the total of 158 for 8 was always going to be difficult to defend.

For Monkswood, the bowling honours went to Ahsan with 4 for 34.

After a fine tea (best of the season was the Sully verdict) the home side set about the task of overhauling the Centurions' total.

Patrick Lane opened the bowling for the first time and in spite of a jittery start, soon got into his stride and was rewarded with the wicket of Rod Jones (28) thanks to a smart catch from Mike Oatridge behind the stumps.

Nick Jones was unlucky to miss out on a wicket and his figures of 0 for 24 off his eight overs was scant reward for some tidy bowling.

Monkswood opener Kilmister, meanwhile, was content to accumulate his runs, with support from first Tucker (who was dismissed for 24 following a spectacular diving catch from Patrick lane off the bowling of Thomas) and then the big hitting Griffiths, who smashed a quick 46 not out.

Kilmister ended on an unbeaten 50 as Monkswood ran out deserved winners for the loss of just two wickets.

Monkswood II 160-2, Sully Centurions II 158-8.

MF

Charity veterans' rugby day supports local man

All pictures by Judith Dutton.

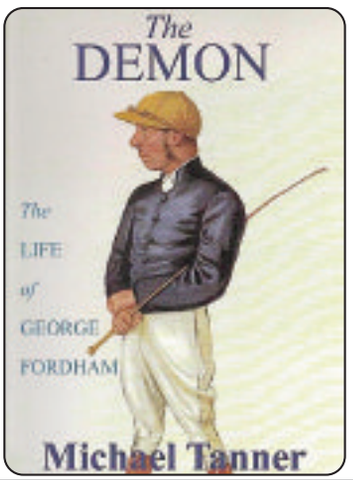
SEVEN teams and many friends and family enjoyed a great day of rugby as they raised money to support local man Leighton Dutton.

Lots of money was raised as teams battled out in a veterans tournament which saw a team of ex-professionals in action.

Player of the day Tom Cotter was presented with his trophy by Wales and Blues player Alex Cuthbert.

JD

THE GENIUS OF 'THE DEMON' IS TOLD IN NEW BOOK



IN racing, as in all things, there are stars.

Then there are real stars. And then there's genius. George Fordham was a genius. And defining genius taxes conventional criteria.

His talent was God given. This Victorian paragon rode the first of his 2587 winners, Hampton at Brighton on 9 October 1851, aged 14 and weighing barely four stone.

Just four years later he was crowned champion jockey, the first of 14 titles (a total only exceeded by Sir Gordon Richards) that also saw him collect 16 English classics plus a nickname embodying his devilish skills, 'The Demon'.

History, however, has not been kind to Fordham. The explanation is simple. Fate decreed his outstanding career be overshadowed by that bitter rival Fred Archer, a jockey deemed his inferior yet enormously successful and widely celebrated.

Archer, whose nickname of 'The Tinman' derived from his insatiable pursuit of 'tin',Victorian slang for money, was the polar opposite of 'The Demon'.

Whereas Fordham was squat, rubicund and affable, Archer was pale, lanky and brooding. And if Archer rode like a man with the devil at his elbow, Fordham rode like a wizard with wand at the ready.

Despite the inevitable loss of his turf war with his 20 years younger adversary prior to his retirement in 1884 owing to ill-health, 'The Demon' prevailed in countless skirmishes.

His talents drove Archer to utter frustration - 'The Demon' was the itch Archer couldn't scratch. Nowhere was this better demonstrated than in the 'match' races that were a staple ingredient on Victorian race-cards.

Fordham and Archer were invariably the jockeys of choice in these two-horse duels and they provided the perfect stage for Fordham's mastery of 'kidology'.

Fordham had the art of feigning distress off to a tee. By inducing premature effort from an overconfident rival, it enabled him to catch them out with his famed last-ditch 'rush'.

Archer was no exception, once hurling his saddle across the weighing room following humiliating defeat.

Eventually Archer's fragile psyche and brittle constitution cracked; 'The Tinman' shot himself. He was just 29 years old.

Thus legends implanted in our sporting consciousness: books are written;laurels awarded; glorification ensues.

Yet truth will out. Fordham was considered Archer's superior by the majority of contemporary jockeys, trainers, horsemen and scribes.

But Fordham's death was far less Homeric. Consumption and alcohol abuse took its toll on the 50-year-old's body in October 1887. Thus legends expunged; books are not written and laurels wither on the vine.

The worth of any competitor is gauged by those he competes against, and the measure of George Fordham is the stature of the jockey deigned his inferior - sufficient testimony to acknowledge him as the finest flat jockey of the 19th century and one to rank alongside Gordon Richards and Lester Piggott.

This 420-page cracking book can be obtained from MichaelRTanner@ymail.com or www.amazon.co.uk and www.authorhouse.co.uk.

Meanwhile, jockey Jason Kiely who is based at Tim Vaughan's Aberthin yard in the Vale, has been awarded a new media traineeship by Racecourse Media Group, the parent company of Racing UK and Jockeys Education Training Scheme.

Irish-born Kiely, aged 26, and who has ridden five winners, said: "To have been chosen for this traineeship is a dream-come-true for me. It really is an excellent initiative and I believe having more ex-jockeys involved in the media will prove advantageous."

"Working in the racing media has always been what I've wanted to do after riding and now thanks to JETS and Racecourse Media Group, its a definite possibility.

"I'm sure I will get some fantastic insights into all the different areas,which will hopefully offer me a bright future within our sport."

BRIAN LEE

Players climb the ladder at chess club

I have been the reigning champion of the Barry Ladder since 2011 and have not actually lost a ladder match.

However this year I find myself finishing in third place having albeit only played in two of the five rounds.

The final round took place with 10 participants. On top board and playing for the title were Tom Cooke and John Ryles.

In a hard-fought contest John appeared to have the upper hand but some strong responses from Tom left the match result in the balance until a draw was agreed when Tom was able to contrive a perpetual check position.

Sam Jukes and Stephen Bonutto both earned wins that were expected due to the differential in their ratings when compared to their opponents.

The other two ties were much closer and could have gone either way. Sam White took a win over John Stephenson and with time ebbing away Martin Ricketts earned his only victory in the competition to swop places with Chris Green leaving Chris at the bottom of the ladder.

It should be noted that both Martin Ricketts and Ray Denyer had some tough opponents and Ray showed a willingness to persevere when under significant pressure.

The Barry Chess Club meets at 7.30pm each Monday at the West End Club. St. Nicholas Road, Barry CF62 6QY.

The club is open to players of all standards; whether you are interested in playing competitive chess or just the occasional friendly games.

New players are very welcome to just turn up on the night but if you contact one of the club members through the website we can explain what is happening on the night you have in mind, and arrange for someone to greet you on your arrival.

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PHIL JONES

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Barry Athletic bowling pair just fall short

IT was a case of so near and yet so far for the Barry Athletic pair of Glyn Thomas and Martin Clarke at the 2017 Welsh national Championships at Llandrindod.

Having comfortably seen off the challenge of Ely Valley's Chris Ashman and Phil Robbins in the county final, hopes were high for the Barry duo to lift the title, won previously by Glyn and his former pairs partner Robert Horgan in 2003 and 2005.

The performance and the results started well for the Barry pair at the finals in Llandrindod as they comfortably disposed of Pontrhydyfen's Barrie Evans by 20 shots to 15 in the last 16, and that was quickly followed up with a match against a home club pairing skipped by Chris Martin in the quarter final.

This was a more tense affair but with superb bowls from the two Athletic players as the match reached its climax, Glyn and Martin held their nerve to win a tight encounter by 20 shots to 19.

A new day saw a semi-final against the Carmarthenshire pair of Mark Watkins and Jake Hancock, who had progressed with narrow victories over the Ferndale and Gilfach pairs.

However Glyn and Martin were in no mood to miss the main event and powered through the semi to win by four shots, 23-19, to set up a final against top Welsh international Mark Wyatt and his partner Chris Doidge from Caerphilly, with the prize of qualification for the British finals in 2018 at stake.

As with previous matches this was a tight encounter with Martin Clarke consistently laying good heads for Glyn to develop and it was only the skill and an occasional element of good fortune from skip Mark Wyatt that kept the game tight in the early exchanges.

With the scores locked at 14 shots each on the 18th end it was still all to play for but a series of brilliant shots from skip Wyatt effectively turned the game in favour of the Caerphilly duo. With the Barry pair holding four shots, Wyatt, with a deadly combination of running woods and draw shots, converted the head to score three shots, and provided an advantage that the Barry pair could not overcome.

Needing three shots on the last end to take the match in to an extra end, and despite good bowls from lead Martin and skip Glyn, they could not muster enough and narrowly lost out in an epic encounter by two shots.

A narrow defeat by 19 shots to 17 was not what the Barry pair and their travelling support had wanted but they had to concede defeat to the top class Caerphilly pairing who will now go on to represent Wales in the British Isles championships next year.

The Barry pair can rue some missed chances but they will surely have caught the international selectors' attention when the international trial teams are selected for the 2018 season, and the Barry club can also reflect in the success, and its ability to produce top class players that can continually compete at the highest level of Welsh bowls year after year.

Returning to league action, the PG1 side were in search of points, but were up against Carruthers shield semi-finalists Ely Valley, who were also looking to assert themselves after their defeat at Llandrindod.

With the weather set fair, the 4Wood green at Barry looking and running at its very best, this was all set up for a tight encounter.

It was the visitors who established a small advantage first, with Paul Taylor racing in to a 8-1 lead over Richard Bowen, and and John Applegate building a 10-2 advantage over Glyn Thomas, whose rink was finding the going tough.

Dave Wright started well against the experienced Phil Robbins, racing to a 11-6 lead and Rob Horgan also started well to establish a lead over Chris Ashman of 8-1.

Martin Clarke and Glyn Thomas with the Vale of Glamorgan pairs trophy.

As the game progressed it was the visitors who found the quick-paced Barry green more to their liking more than the home side.

John Applegate's rink applied the pressure to build a 20-8 lead after 13 ends and leave Glyn Thomas's rink staring at defeat, eventually running out victors by 28 shots to 15.

David Wright's progress was halted as they dropped two fours and a five mid-game to trail 13 shots to 21, and Robert Horgan also dropped two threes to fall behind 11-19.

With the four rinks in deficit the writing was on the wall for the Barry outfit and the points gained from individual rink victories looked to be the only realistic option for the home side.

With three rinks well down it was left to Richard Bowen's rink, with superb consistency from Gary Gane, Mike Vaughan and Geoff Whittaker, to apply the pressure against former Commonwealth star Paul Taylor in an attempt to avoid the whitewash.

Although in deficit 13-18 on 18 ends the Barry combination responded well to take a three and a four on the 19th and 20th ends respectively to lead by two going in to the final end.

Despite an exceptional shot with his last bowl from Paul Taylor, the visitors were only able to recoup one of the two shots needed on the final end and the Barry rink ran out victors by 20 shots to 19 and earn a valuable two points for their ongoing relegation battle.

However a creditable performance from the visitors saw them run out well deserved victors by 26 shots, 66-92.

The outcome of the Athletic's PG2 side's visit to Penarth Windsor was altogether a better outcome than the PG1 side.

Still favourites for promotion but with a much-depleted side, the battle with St Fagan's to top the league is still very much on and points from this match against neighbours Penarth Windsor were vital for the run in.

A good performance from all the players selected ensured that they claimed another important victory by 12 points to 2 to confirm promotion to the top division.

Architect of the away win was skip Mike Jones, with Don Evans at his superlative best in the swan-song of his bowling career, who put together a 30-13 win over the home team.

The experienced Gareth Humphries also ground out a win by a single shot whilst Albert Mintern effectively turned the game with his 26-13 shots victory, scoring 13 shots without reply over the last five ends.

So with one match to go and promotion already secured, the selectors will be ensuring that a strong competitive side is fielded for the final fixture against Cardiff Athletic to give the Barry Athletic PG2 team the best opportunity to be crowned champions.

The opening day defeat at Cardiff now seems a long way off and the team has gone from strength to strength under the captaincy of Paul Webley and the experience of his players, and irrespective of the result, it will be remembered as a successful season for the club that restores them to the top division of the Private Greens 2 division.

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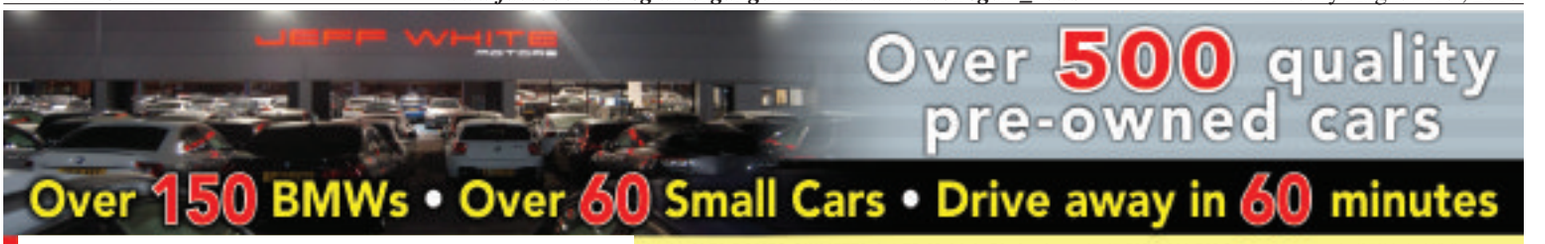

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16 16 NISSAN X-TRAIL 1.6 DCI Tekna 5dr (7-seater) Nissan warranty July 2019, pan roof, sat nav, 19"alloys, Bluetooth, 4k, met green, full leather £18995

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16 16 SEAT LEON 1.2 TSI SE Sport Coupe 3dr, Seat warranty Aug 2019, cruise, Bluetooth, USB, 5k, red £10995

16 16 SKODA OCTAVIA 2.0 TDI Vrs 5dr DSG automatic, Skoda warranty Sep 2019, sat nav, DAB cruise, 5k, blue, full leather £17995

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Cottrell Park ladies enjoy away golf trip

ON Sunday, August 20, a group of ladies from Cottrell Park Golf Club travelled by coach to the Wiltshire Golf and Country Club near Royal Wootton Bassett, for their three days away, organised by Jeannette Williams, ladies' captain.

They were given a warm welcome on arrival, the accommodation was good and the food excellent.

Following a bacon bap, a 12 hole, Stableford competition was played with best two out of four scores to count. The winning team was Carole Duncanson, Margaret Rees, Lorna Howells and Regina Drew with 52 points. After drinks with the ladies' captain, they were presented with their prizes before dinner.

The next day, an 18-hole team Stableford was played, together with an individual Stableford for the Lady Cottrella trophy, won by Margaret Thomas with 31 points.

The winning team was Norma Fryer, Tina Morgan, Lorraine Pointon-Bell and Jeannette Williams with 77 points. Nearest the pin was Tina Morgan. Prizes were again presented before dinner.

The following day, an 18 hole Texas Scramble was played, the winners on the back nine were Jeannette Williams, Toots Plant, Regina Drew and Nan Thomas scoring 78 points. Prizes were presented prior to leaving for home

The course was in very good condition, it was quite challenging with undulating greens,

The weather could have been better – but the showers were avoided and every one enjoyed playing the course.

Jeannette thanked everyone for attending and Lorraine her vice captain for all her help. The ladies all enjoyed the trip, they left tired but happy. **CB**

News from the Vale of Glamorgan Pool League

THURSDAY night pool is back with a bang.

The league has welcomed five new venues - Glenbrook Inn, Millwood, O'Briens, the Ship and the Libs.

But it's business as usual as last year's champions the Billy United and league runners-up the Witchill who look favourites to dominate the new season.

The Witchill had an emphatic 10-2 win over the plucky Borough, with Wales under-21 snooker player Ryan Rowlands winning the first trophy of the season when he broke against Andrew Churchill.

The Witchill took a commanding 5-0 lead, but were pegged back 6-2, helped by a great frame from Robert Larkin and Andrew Churchill against Bardsley and Morris. The Witchill fought back and won the last four frames.

A great start for Millwood Pot Jacks with a resounding 10-2 home win against O'Briens with Nick Parry, Alan Evans, Nigel Tutton and Jeff Bartle impressing for Millwood, John Wolfenden the stand-out player for O'Briens.

The Libs played their first home game against last year's champions Billy United and gave a good account of themselves, losing by five games to seven with young Tom Ivins, captain Alex Campbell and Peter Davies being the Libs' stand-out players.

The following Thursday they travelled to new boys Glenbrook Wanderers and came away with a 7-5 win. The Libs stormed into a 5-1 lead at the halfway stage, however they struggled in the second half of the match, hanging onto a narrow 7-5 win.

Nick Taylor and Karl Marsh shone for the Glenbrook, with Alex Campbell and Ben Nicholas the stars for the Libs.

The new format meant we didn't have long to wait for our first 6-6 draw, as Borough v Millwood would be the first sudden death blackball shoot-out.

The young Borough team raced to a 2-0 lead but the old heads of Millwood soon steadied the ship and took a 5-2 lead.

Borough's Sara Hayles soon helped bring them back to 4-5 then Millwood captain Gary Williams made it 6-4.

Back came the Borough and their tenacious doubles brought the scores level at 6-6.

Millwood captain Williams took all the glory by winning the shoot out.

A great night had by all – a shame there had to be a loser.

Another new team, the King William IV, had a great 8-4 win against Martin Crokes' O'Briens with Lee Philips by far the best player on the night, but he couldn't have done it without the support of Les Hunt, Geoff Froud and the superb Neil Tipples.

O'Briens fought hard in every game with Harry Windsor, Wolfenden and captain Croke their best players.

The league are still looking for players of all capabilities to join, especially at the Witchill, O'Briens and the Castle. You can contact us through Facebook, or phone Anthony on 07568 444180. **JB**

Vale of Glamorgan Football round-up

THE big fight feel took over the Vale on Saturday, not for the boxing ,but for Vale football league action.

We start in the Premier Division, as St Athan rebounded from their opening day defeat to put FC Barry Belgrade to the sword with an impressive 5-2 win in Belgrade's Premier Division bow.

Barry Athletic continued their good start to the season as they edged out AFC Rhoose 1-0 in a tight affair – to make it two wins from their first two games.

The result of Cowbridge Town vs Penarth Town was still unknown as of writing.

In Division One, Sully Sports are now the only team to have a 100 per cent record at this very early stage of the season, showing the competitiveness of the First Division.

Sully notched an excellent 5-0 win over SP Billy, Tynewydd and Cadoxton Imps played out a 1-1 draw while Cardiff Airport were 4-2 victors over Barry Saints.

Cwm Talwg got their first win of the campaign 3-1 over Penarth Town B and Cadoxton Athletic and Cogan Coronation played out a controversial 3-3 draw.

In Division Two, Cadoxton Barry made it two from two as they demolished struggling St Athan B 7-1, while BRT Dynamos bounced back from an opening day loss with a mamouth 8-0 win away to BV.

AFC Rhoose B came back down to earth after their 9-goal exploits last week, as Barry Albion defeated them 3-0.

Finally, Vale Madrid won an 11-goal thriller with Glenbrook, 6-5.

No fixtures next Saturday due to the international break, but there is full a league programme this Wednesday evening, with Rhoose vs Barry Belgrade and Cogan vs Sully the stand-out games. **HD**

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Mixed rinks and charity day at the Millwood Bowls Club

WITH the season beginning to wind down, although a couple of important fixtures still remain, Millwood were very pleased to host a visiting team from Bridgwater for a match six mixed rinks and very pleasing it was indeed to see all rinks in full use during the afternoon.

The weather gods shone on us and a good bowling afternoon was enjoyed by all players. The rinks were evenly matched and at the end of an enjoyable game the players retired to the clubhouse for a meal and refreshments.

The captains of both sides made short speeches thanking all concened for arranging a very successful match and looking forward to a return fixture in Bridgwater next year.

The only league fixture this week fell to the A side, who travelled to Llantwit for a Division 7 match.

Unfortunately, due to late withdrawals through illness, the home side were not at full strength and despite their best efforts were unable to prevent Millwood recording a comfortable victory by 90 shots to 50 shots, taking all 14 points on offer.

We thank Llantwit very much indeed for making the effort to play and we look forward to renewing rivalries next year.

The club's annual charity day, organised by this year's captains Julie Mason and John Slee, on Sunday was blessed by reasonable weather and a very good turn out of members, friends and families to support the raising of funds for this year's chosen charity, the local branch of Scope.

There were also the usual selection of stalls and raffles very kindly organised by the members of the ladies section which added considerably to the final sum collected.

The afternoon started with a Spyder competition for a bottle of whisky, the winner being the bowler whose bowl finishes nearest to marker in the centre of the green.

The winner on this occasion was that well-known lover of all things Scottish, Michael Lucas. The rest of the afternoon was devoted to a Spoons competition, played over 11 ends on a Triples basis.

It was obvious from the noise and laughter on the various rinks that a good time was being had by all players – and after the completion of the games, everybody retired to the clubhouse for refreshments and drinks.

Throughout the afternoon, Paul Richards, the local manager for Scope, and his family had joined with us in the fun and games and was very pleased to accept a cheque for £650 from Julie and John.

Paul thanked Millwood and all the members for their generosity, and promised that the money would be put to very good use. **BH**

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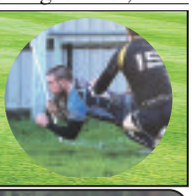

Narrow defeat for Barry Town United against TNS

Barry Town United pushed champions TNS hard last Friday night, but fell short, losing 1-0 at Jenner Park - SAME OLD SMITH PHOTOGRAPHY captured the action from the evening.

A first-half finish from the in-form Wes Fletcher helped Welsh Premier League champions The New Saints score a narrow 1-0 win at Barry Town United on Friday.

With the Saints having scored a total of nine times in the clubs' two previous encounters, it was expected that Barry would have their work cut out to contain their visitors.

However, an impressive and organised display from the Town left TNS frustrated for much of this contest, despite the wealth of possession enjoyed by Scott Ruscoe's full-timers.

Anchoring Barry's defensive efforts, centre-back Luke Cooper enjoyed one of his strongest outings in a yellow shirt to date, repelling the visitors' attacks with a cool confidence that was ably supported by teammates Chris Hugh, Ryan Evans and Paul Morgan.

Meanwhile, goalkeeper Mike Lewis underlined his worth to the Barry cause with another standout appearance between the sticks.

Despite being forced to chase after the ball for lengthy periods, Barry would create a number of the game's best chances.

To that extent, both Kayne McLaggon and TJ Nagi would threaten the TNS goal before the visitors carved out their breakthrough.

It came in the 25th minute, former Manchester United prospect Jamie Mullan cutting the ball in from the right for teammate Fletcher to score from close range.

However, this was as good as things got for the perennial European campaigners, whose second half attempts were stamped out effectively by the hard-working Barry back four.

While Ruscoe would be able to call upon the fearsome trio of Adrian Ciezlewicz, Greg Draper and Chris Sargeant as substitutes, Barry boss Gavin Chesterfield would make good use of his own attacking replacements, spritely Sam Jones and powerhouse Tyrrell Webbe bolstering the Town's pursuit of a second half equaliser.

As time ticked on, the home side's confidence appeared to grow and after Callum Roberts was booked for diving in the Barry penalty area, the Jenner Park faithful roared their team forward.

However, there would be no late drama on this occasion; the Saints professional prowess proving enough to thwart Barry's counter attacks and see them home with all three points intact.

Interviewed after the game, Town captain James Saddler said he believed his team had now completed its 'bedding-in process' in the JD Welsh Premier League.

"We know what to expect now in terms of physicality, we know how to set up and I think we're starting to gel as a team again.

"I think tonight proved that we can play against very very good players," continued Saddler.

Barry are without a fixture this week due to the international break, but return to Jenner Park the following Saturday, September 9, when Newtown are the visitors.

The Robins got their own campaign up and running with a 4-1 win over Carmarthen Town at Latham Park, setting up an intriguing showdown in the Vale.

AC

No stopping the members of Murch Bowling Club

It was a busy week for the bowlers of the Murch Bowling Club.

On Wednesday, August 23, the men's section played host to Barry Athletic in the Munro Cup.

A competitive closely fought game saw Barry Athletic triumph with wins for the rinks skipped by R. Bowen, D Jones and D Snellings. The ever-reliable R. Mauchline did skip his rink to victory however, and a good evening's sport was enjoyed by all.

On Friday, August 25, the Murch men's section combined forces with the Murch ladies section to take on Dinas Powys Bowling Club in the Village Cup.

In a pleasant but competitive evening's sport the two local rivals tried to make the coveted trophy theirs.

Eventually Dinas Powys Bowls club came out on top with wins for the rinks skipped by D Ireland, G White, R Janes, N Giles and T Hurcom; S Mauchline did manage a fine victory for her rink.

On Saturday, August 26, Murch men's section took on top of the league Rumney Bowls club.

The Murch did themselves proud against the strong opposition with wins for the rinks skipped by I Williams and R Pratt.

However, wins for the Rumney rinks skipped by H Mackie and A Bagulzy saw the league leaders win by five shots overall.

On Monday, August 28, the Murch men and ladies sections faced each other to see who would win the Gerald Nicholas Trophy.

It was a closely-contested match played in a convivial atmosphere. There were wins for the rinks skipped by Roger Mauchline and men's captain, Mark Hughes, and the ladies won on the rink skipped by Sheila Mauchline. There was an overall victory for the men's section.

TP

Barry RFC news

THE club lottery rolls over for another week as the numbers 02, 04, 08 and 17 failed to find a winner.

This week's jackpot will be £6,060.

Pre-season is now over as this weekend sees the opening league fixture of the season when Barry travel to Llantwit Fardre, a team who, despite suffering relegation from Division 1 last term, will certainly provide stern opposition.

A players and supporters coach will leave the club at 12.30pm.

AJ

Sully Ladies' bowls team claim the title

SULLY Sports Ladies' Bowls Club took the prestigious Evening League title on August 21, on a bright sunny evening – having played many of their games in rainy and windy conditions.

It was an exciting finish for the league, with Sully winning their section by just one point over Llantrisant 2 to progress to the section semi-finals. They then had a convincing win over Gilfach Bargoed, for a place in the final against Llantrisant 1, who had not lost a game all season.

The final was a nail-biting finish, with one rink finishing five shots up and the other rink having two ends to play. Sully Ladies were able to hold off the opposition, to win by one shot.

Captain Mary Dare was delighted with the win. It was the culmination of hard work and dedication by the lady members, as last year we were in danger of folding – but we presented a united front – working together and looking after each other.

Four of the Sully Ladies were also representing the club at county competition semi-finals, but were unsuccessful in their bid to reach the finals, losing their games on the last couple of ends by narrow margins.

Sully Ladies are always looking for new members; if anyone would like to come over and have a go, call 02920 530795; we would love to welcome you. Bowls is great fun, keeps you fit, and you make friends!

Yvonne Lloyd
Sully Ladies secretary

Promotion joy for Penarth Windsor!

NEEDING only two points to secure promotion, Penarth Windsor PG1 bowlers cut loose in their away fixture at Mackintosh, scoring the full 14 points with a win by 116 to 58.

Scores: Evans, Gooding, Hope and Woodcock 28-12; Flitney, Palfrey, Hudson and McLeod 30-12; Rogers, Ellard, Rees and Close 28-123; Matthews, Burton, Gunter and Holmes 30-22.

Next season comes the tougher challenge of Division 2.

It was not such a happy week for the PG2 team, losing both their fixtures. However, a tough away fixture at St Fagans did bring them success on two rinks but the match overall was lost by eight shots. The winning rinks were Mathias, Hales, Rogers and Howells, 23-22, and Williams, Fulbrook, Cuccinello and Thorne, 18-12.

In the other match at home to league leaders Barry Athletic, the team went down to defeat by 86 shots to 72.

Skip Charlie Lewis with Trenchard, Daniels and Cuccinello suffered the agony of a one shot defeat on the last end, so it was left to Thorne to claim the only rink win assisted by Ellis, White and notably Hales. Modesty prevented Eddie from pointing out his two brilliant performances in the week.

The one ladies match of the week was an away trip to Cowbridge where most of the team struggled to cope with the artificial surface.

However, there was one rink win by D. Thomas with A. Hudson, B. Ellis and D. Roper.

The other scores were: C. Lewis, C. Fitzgerald, V. Flitney and K. Dyer 7-27; L. Thomas, A. Rees, S. Paterson and M. Owen 17-21.

The previous Sunday, club stalwart Don Stafford and his Windsor side welcomed a 10 rink mixed team from Yate, which included his sister, and sibling rivalry was evident as their rink battled for victory.

It was a somewhat damp day but 16 ends were completed before the serious socialising started.

Traditionally at the Windsor, friendly matches are always called a draw with no reference to the scores. However, on this occasion Don has insisted that a mention be made of the fact that Windsor won by one shot!

On Sunday, August 27, the sun shone brightly for the annual John Skone Memorial Trophy.

Everyone agreed that it was one of the finest events staged at Windsor as teams from far and wide battled for the honours.

At the end of the day, the mixed rink from Whitchurch managed to see off a determined challenge from Sully Sports to gain a deserved victory.

Windsor president Veronica Flitney made the presentation and was glowing in her praise to all the bowlers who had contributed to the day and to the army of Windsor volunteers who worked so hard to make it a success.

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